



Online Certificate/ Diploma in Education (Special/ Inclusive Education) 2012/2013

Dear Applicant,

In recognition of the need to support teachers in meeting the increasing diversity of pupils' needs that are currently in mainstream classes today, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, and the Institute of Child Education and Psychology, Europe (ICEP), under the direction of the In-service Education Programme Board (St. Patrick's College) have jointly developed the Online **Certificate /Diploma in Education (Special/ Inclusive Education)**.

What is this course about?

The focus of the programme is to further support the teaching and learning of pupils with special and additional learning needs primarily in mainstream classrooms, by developing teachers' knowledge, skills and competencies in the area of special/inclusive education.

How long does it take?

The programme is delivered online and the duration is flexible to suit the needs of individual participants. The **Certificate consists of four taught modules** and must be completed within 3 years. **The Diploma requires an additional research module (8,000 word dissertation)**, which must be completed within 4 years from first registration.

How is it organised ?

The structure of the programme permits students to complete a maximum of three modules per year. The foundation module, which is mandatory for all students, focuses mainly on inclusive educational practice. Upon successful completion of this module participants will choose from a range of modules focusing on different aspects of special educational needs including: **Mild General Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, Challenging Behaviour and Autistic Spectrum Disorder.**

A mandatory Induction Day will take place in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, on 15th September 2012 from 9.15am-3.00pm approx.

Eligibility

Application is open to qualified teachers, at primary and post-primary level, who hold a recognised qualification from an awarding institution in Ireland or elsewhere. Consideration will also be given to:

- Graduates (with experience of working in an educational, training or educational-related professional context).

or

- Those holding equivalent qualifications with significant experience of working in an educational, training or educational-related professional context.
- **STUDENTS MAY PURSUE ONLY ONE COURSE OF STUDY IN St. PATRICK'S COLLEGE AT ANY GIVEN TIME.**

What do you need?

In order to participate in the programme, applicants will need access to a computer, with headset and microphone, and internet access. Broadband access is strongly recommended. Familiarity with the internet and email is an expected requirement

How do you apply?

An Application Form accompanies this letter for completion by those interested and eligible to participate in the programme.

Alternatively, you can download an application form at: www.spd.dcu.ie/admissions or www.icepe.eu.

**Applications should be forwarded to The Admissions Office, Online Certificate/Diploma in Education, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 by 24 August, 2012.
Phone: (01) 884 2025, E-mail address: courseinfo@spd.dcu.ie.**

All applications must be accompanied by a non-returnable administration fee of €30 (by postal order or cheque made payable to St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra).

How can I use the Credits?

Credits from the Certificate in Education (Special/ Inclusive Education) **20 European Credit Transfers (ECTS)** can be used towards the Diploma in Education- **30 ECTS**. Credits from the Diploma in Education (Special/Inclusive Education) **30 ECTS** may be put towards the Masters in Special Education (MSEN) or to other Masters Programmes. All programmes at Masters level are valued at **90 credits**. Acceptance on these programmes is subject to certain conditions, including the attainment of a sufficiently high standard in the Diploma and the availability of places on the varying programmes at Masters level within the college.

How much is it?

There will be a fee of €750 per module. Tax refunds can be claimed against all fees paid. In addition, support for course fee payment can be applied for through the Refund of Fees Scheme. Details of scheme available at 01-8535102 or email info@mie.ie

Application Form

If you are applying as a teacher please complete Form A

If you are applying as (a) a graduate (with experience of working in an educational, training or educational-related professional context) or (b) as a person holding equivalent qualifications with significant experience of working in an educational training or educational-related professional context, please complete Form B.

This course is funded by the Special Education Support Service, Teacher Education Section, DES, under the National Development Plan.



2. (b) Please provide detail in relation to your experience of working in an educational, training or educational-related professional context:

3. Where did you hear about the course in St Patrick's College? _____

4. English Language Competency (For non-native speakers of the English Language):

Examining Body e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge Proficiency	Actual or Expected Completion Date	Score

5. Have you been, or are you currently registered as a student of the College?

If "Yes" please state

Title of course(s) _____ Year(s) of registration _____

6. Professional or other qualifications held

Please supply a certified copy of your academic transcript. These transcripts are not returnable.

College, University or other Awarding Body	Dates of attendance and whether full-time or part-time	Degree or other Qualifications obtained/to be obtained	Grade/Class (if any)	Subject(s)	Date of Award

7. Previous Professional Development

Name & Dates of Professional Development Course	Duration	Grade/Class (if any)	Subject(s)	Date of Award	Accrediting Body

8. References:

St Patrick's College will assume permission to contact referees unless an applicant has stated otherwise.

Name	Name
Position in Organisation	Position in Organisation
Address	Address
Tel No	Tel No
Fax No	Fax No
Email	Email

9. Where did you hear about the course? _____

10. Interviews may be held for places on this Certificate/ Diploma in Education. In the event of the programme being over-subscribed, places may be allocated by lottery.

11. I have read the description of the programme of continuing professional development and I agree to fulfil the necessary conditions of participation in the Certificate/ Diploma in Education for which I am making application. I certify that all the information given on this form is correct and if admitted to the programme, I undertake to observe all the rules and regulations of St Patrick's College, Dublin.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____

FINAL REMINDER CHECKLIST:

- a. Certified transcripts of results
- b. Administration Fee
- c. Application Form signed
- d. One Passport Photograph

For non-native speakers of English (where applicable)

- e. Evidence of competency in the English Language
- f. Certified translation into English of results/qualifications

Applications must be submitted by letter post. Applications sent by fax or email will not be accepted

