

NEW MA PROGRAMME LEADING TO A PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION



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Introduction

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education is an innovative postgraduate programme, leading to a professional qualification. This programme was established by the Department of Theology and Religious Studies of Mary Immaculate College. It is offered on two campuses: at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, and at Marino Institute of Education, Dublin.

Programme Overview

The programme, which is offered over two academic years, in part-time mode, will explore key concepts in theology relevant to educational leadership along with issues of educational policy and management within the context of faith-based school environments.

The programme content builds on four pillars: Theology, Spirituality, Psychology and Educational Leadership.

Who is the programme for?

The MA is designed as a specialist post-graduate programme to enhance the development of leadership capacity in the primary and second-level educational sector. It is open to principals, vice-principals and all teachers aspiring to roles of leadership or management in education, as well as all those in educational leadership or management.

Objectives

On successful completion of this programme students will be able to:

- Articulate and evaluate critically current principles of Christian educational leadership
- Relate principles of educational leadership to a theological vision of the person, society and the educational enterprise
- Create a framework for reflection on their own personal, spiritual and professional development as educational leaders in faith-based educational environments
- Demonstrate a familiarity with current legislation pertaining to the management of the whole school environment and the skill in applying it
- Evaluate and apply best practice in building a positive learning environment in the school based on Christian principles
- Appreciate the nature of the Christian ethos of their particular school and facilitate its application and development





What Others Thought of this Course

Unlike all previous advertisements for Masters over the years, the advertisement for the Masters in Christian Leadership in Education, in the Spring of 2010, seized my imagination. After much thought and with some misgivings, because of my busy work schedule as Principal of a secondary school, I signed up for the two year Masters course.

How did I find it? Challenging, absolutely, but inspiring, enjoyable, transforming and offering the opportunity for deeper reflection on my role as leader of the Catholic school.

Sr. Sheila Kelleher, former principal, Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, Cork.

Although I had a busy schedule as a Principal, I found the scheduling of the programme very manageable. I benefitted enormously from it and it has deepened my appreciation for my role as a school leader in the Catholic second level sector. I can wholeheartedly recommend it to principals and anyone aspiring to that role in the future. It enhances competence and confidence in all areas of leadership.

Cormac Bonner, Principal, Presentation Secondary School, Milltown, Co. Kerry

I warmly recommend this programme for anyone involved in educational leadership in Ireland at this time. It provides the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to articulate the vision and values that underpin our Catholic school network. We need people with this kind of qualification as future leaders in our schools.

Bishop Brendan Kelly, Chairman of the Council for Education, IEC.

The MA (Christian Leadership in Education) is an excellent programme addressing the key areas of formation for those who offer leadership in our Catholic Schools at both primary and secondary levels. It addresses all the key areas – personal development, spirituality, theology and educational leadership and management.

Mgr James Cassin, Executive Secretary, Episcopal Commission for Catholic Education and Formation

Programme of Study

The programme consists of twelve taught modules. Modules will be delivered in both face-to-face and on-line mode. Students will also be expected to be in a placement (normally the school where they are currently working) and to complete a minor dissertation (15,000 words approx.).

Students will be provided with skills in research methods with a view to their dissertation.

Assessment

The taught modules will be assessed by a combination of continuous assessment, essays and journal work.

Schedule

For those wishing to take the programme at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick the following is the schedule:

YEAR 1:

- Semester 1: Summer school – July 1st to 5th, 2013 (Mary Immaculate College) with online learning.
- Semester 2: 1 weekend (Friday evening and Saturday) per month from September 2013 to May 2014

YEAR 2:

- Semester 1: Summer school – first week July with online learning
- Semester 2: Writing Dissertation

For those wishing to take the programme at Marino Institute of Education, Dublin, the following is the schedule:

YEAR 1:

- Semester 1: Weekends and online learning beginning on the 13th/14th September 2013.
- Semester 2: Weekends and online learning beginning on 10th/11th January 2014.

YEAR 2:

- Semester 1: Two weekends: 5th/6th September, and 25th October 2014.
- Semester 2: Writing Dissertation.

Entrance Requirements

The normal requirement for entry to the programme is a First or Second Class Honours primary degree. Applicants with equivalent qualifications or substantial relevant experience will also be considered. Final selection will require attendance for interview and may require presentation of some previous written material.

Fees and Sponsorship

The cost of the programme is €3,100 p.a.

A generous Trust Fund (sponsored by St Stephen's Green Trust and Marino Trust Fund) has been created to support the programme and a substantial number of scholarships worth a fee remission of up to €2,000 per candidate are available.

Tax Relief

The programme is eligible for tax relief under section 473A, Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

Admissions

Applications should be submitted to your venue of choice by May 31st, 2013. Late applications may be considered.

For those interested in taking the programme at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, please contact:

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For those interested in taking the programme at Marino Institute, Dublin, please contact:

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After the completion of an interview successful candidates will be invited to undertake the formal application process.