

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

What is the Higher Diploma in Physical Education Studies?

The Higher Diploma in Physical Education Studies is a two-year (four semesters), part-time NFQ Level 8 programme with 60 ECTS credits of Physical Education-related content. The course is designed for delivery in blended mode, delivered partly online and partly on campus. Online content is delivered weekly while on-campus study blocks are scheduled for specific times of the academic year.

Graduates of the proposed Higher Diploma in Physical Education Studies will emerge with a comprehensive theoretical and practical competence in physical education and will have in depth knowledge of teaching, learning and assessment techniques for ensuring optimal pupil learning and engagement in physical education.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Application Process

There is a two-stage application process.

STAGE 1- Prospective applicants are asked to submit the following

- (a) Evidence of verifiable engagement in sport and / or physical activity in the form of a portfolio of experience (60%). The portfolio should include coaching qualification and experience, and a portfolio evidencing engagement in leadership / coaching / teaching role in a sport, a physical activity or physical education. Evidence should include activity type, venue (facility), age profile and number of participants, purpose of the session(s), name and contact details of activity leader/s.
- (b) Personal Statement (40%) The personal statement should include academic background, professional background, experience and professional goals / aspirations.

Applicants will be ranked on the basis of these documents.

STAGE 2 -Based on the portfolio and personal statement, applicants will be selected to attend for interview

The purpose of the interview will be to confirm their suitability and eligibility for an offer of a place on the programme. Graduates of cognate degrees will be required to submit a Teaching Council Subject Declaration Form to accompany their application to assist in identifying current deficit in Teaching Council requirements.

COST: The fees for the programme are 2,134 euro for each academic year. The programme is delivered over two academic years.

The programme is specifically designed to cater for two cohorts of applicants.

- Qualified secondary school teachers, registered with the Irish Teaching Council, who wish to add Physical Education to their portfolio of qualified subjects.
- Graduates of degree programmes in a cognate area to physical education, who do not meet the full teaching council requirements for physical education and who intend to apply for a place on a Professional Master of Education (Physical Education) and ultimately qualify as a PE teacher.

Student Finance/Fees

- The cost of this course is €2,134
- The normal student finance arrangements apply during attendance at this University.
- Unemployed persons (21 or over), lone parents or those in receipt of disability allowance wishing to partake in the course may be eligible for Back to Education Allowance and should contact their local Social Welfare.

PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME		CAO OR STUDENT ID NUMBER	
FIRST NAMES		DATE OF BIRTH	
ADDRESS:			
EIRCODE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
NATIONALITY:		HOME TEL.	MOBILE
MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐		EMAIL ADDRESS	
PPS NUMBER OTHER ☐			
Have you been living in an EU country for 3 of the last 5 years? Yes ☐ No ☐			
Do you have a Disability/Specific Learning Difficulty Yes ☐ No ☐ (If you indicate "Yes" we will be requesting further information, which will be treated confidentially)			

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE (ENTRY CRITERIA OVERLEAF)

CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLY
TL_SPHEG_G	Higher Diploma in Physical Education Studies Lv08	☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL RECORD: Second Level and Further Education

Name – Second Level School or QQI Provider	Address of Second Level School/ QQI provider	From	To

Leaving Certificate Results (if applicable): (Please attach a copy of your Leaving Certificate Results if available)

Subject	Level i.e. H/O	Result	Year Obtained	Official Use Only

Further Education: QQI_FET (if applicable): (Please submit copy of relevant qualification)

Awarding Body	Overall Result	Course Name	Year of Award

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STAGE 1 (b) Personal Statement

The personal statement should include academic background, professional background, experience and professional goals / aspirations. *(Maximum length, 300 words)*

Application Check List:

1. Completed Stage 1 (a) section ☐
2. Supporting documentation (evidence) ☐
3. Completed Stage 1 (b) section ☐
4. Teaching Council Subject Declaration Form ☐

DECLARATION (Must be signed and dated by applicant)

*I certify that the information I have provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the University has authority to seek information from other Institutions in order to evaluate the information provided on this form.
If admitted to Munster Technological University, I agree to abide by such Institute Rights & Responsibilities as are in force from time to time.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

Office Use Only

Eligible: Yes ☐ No ☐

Date Received Stamp

Signed Head of School/Department _____ **Date** _____

CLOSING DATE:

Please return the completed application form to the following office **by 4.00pm on the 19th May 2023**

ADMISSIONS OFFICE, Munster Technological University, North Camus, Dromtacker, Tralee, Co Kerry. V92 HD4V

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Please attach transcripts of results (Leaving Certificate/QQI/FETAC/3rd Level etc.) to the application form.

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Why study for the Higher Diploma in Physical Education Studies?

This course has been designed in line with the Teaching Council's curricular subject registration requirements for Physical Education and as such, graduates of the programme will meet all of the Irish Teaching Council's current subject requirements for Physical Education.

Where applicants have completed a degree in a cognate area to 'physical education' they may have already completed some areas of Physical Education study required by the Teaching Council. On this basis, applicants are able to complete individual curricular modules from the Higher Diploma programme to meet their current deficit in Teaching Council requirements. Such applications will be processed on a case-by-case basis, and in many instances these modules may be completed within the one academic year.

Programme Outline:

Year 1 (Semester 1 and 2)

Pedagogy of Physical Education 1 (Both semesters)	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Pedagogy of Games	Pedagogy of Gymnastics
Pedagogy of HRA and Athletics	Pedagogy of Dance
	Pedagogy of Adventure

*subject to change without notice.

Year 2 (Semester 3 and 4)

Pedagogy of Physical Education 2 (Both semesters)	
Semester 3	Semester 4
Inclusive Physical Education	Facilitating Wellbeing
Pedagogy of Aquatics	Performance Physiology: Testing and Training
Sport in Society	

*subject to change without notice.

Indicative Programme Calendar (Academic Year 1):

Engagement in the programme will encompass lectures, tutorials and on-campus practicals. Details of those are below;

- Lectures: Recorded (asynchronous) lectures, released on a weekly basis (1 hour per week)
- Tutorials: Live online (synchronous) tutorial classes (1 hour per week)
- Practical: One weekend on campus per month semester

Dates of study;

- University and Programme Induction: 16th and 17th September, 2023.
- Semester 1: Week of 18th September to the week of 18th December 2023.
- Semester 2: Week of 22nd January 2024 to the week of 6th May, 2024.

Dates for Academic Year 2 will be released during Semester 2.

Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of frequently asked questions which relate to the programme.

- Do I have to have achieved a minimum grade in my previous qualification to be able to gain a place on the programme?
 - Yes, applicants need to have an NFQ Level 8 qualification with a minimum of a H2.2 or equivalent classification
- I have completed a 'sports related' course previously, but do not meet all of the teaching council criteria for Physical Education, how will I know which modules I need to complete on this programme to address the deficit in my areas of study?

- o We take these applications on a case by case basis, where applicants would **complete a subject declaration form and submit it along with their application** to the programme. The programme team will then review this form and advise which modules would be required to meet Teaching Council criteria. In many cases, this suite of modules can be completed in one academic year.
- I'm a qualified teacher in another subject area in secondary schools, if I complete this Higher Diploma must I complete a PME (or PGCE/PGDE) in Physical Education to add it to my list of subjects that I am qualified to teach in schools?
 - o No, if you are already a qualified teacher and registered with the Teaching Council, then all you need to do is complete the Physical Education subject requirement through this Higher Diploma, and then apply directly to the Teaching Council to add Physical Education to your list of subjects which you are approved to teach.
- I'm a qualified primary school teacher, will completing this course qualify me to teach Physical Education in secondary schools?
 - o No, at the moment, the Teaching Council require teachers to be qualified to teach at second level to be able to add Physical Education as a second level subject.
- Can I work full time at the same time as completing this programme?
 - o Yes, due to the blended mode of delivery students are able to work full time, but they must make themselves available to attend each of the on-site activities (approx. 1 weekend per month Friday evening and all-day Saturday) across the academic year, and engage in the weekly lecture and tutorial content on weekday evenings.
- Can I study this programme completely remotely, as in not attend the on-campus practicals at all?
 - o No, students of the programme must attend the prescribed on-site activities attend 4-5 weekends (1 weekend per month across the academic year) as a result of this, completing the course remotely in its entirety would not be possible.
- Who will be teaching the modules on the programme?
 - o The modules will be delivered by staff from the Department of Health and Leisure Studies in MTU Kerry Campus. Lecturers teaching on the programme all have a wealth of experience and expertise within their module area.
- Is there an element of Teaching Practice included in the programme?
 - o Yes, there are elements of teaching practice in both of the 'Pedagogy of Physical Education 1 and 2' modules, to take place in sports clubs and secondary schools. Some Teaching Practice is in the context of the Inclusive Physical Education module.

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