PMEP Process 2018

Closing Date: 5pm on Monday 19th March 2018

Draft Entry Requirements: (Subject to Change)

Applicants must have the following academic qualifications:

(a) **Minimum H2.2 Honours Bachelor Degree**¹ (Major Award at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications) OR a major award at Level 9 or a major award at Level 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications, and

(b) one of the following sets of second level qualifications:

(i) in the Leaving Certificate Examination²

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H – Higher Level  
O – Ordinary Level

The grades and % marks in the 1992-2016 grading scheme and the new 2017 scheme are set out at Appendix 1

(ii) in the Northern Ireland GCSE and GCE A Level Examinations: a Grade C at GCE A Level Irish; a Grade C at GCSE Level in both English and English Literature or Grade B at GCSE Level in either; and a Grade D at GCSE Level in Additional Mathematics or a Grade C at GCSE Level in Mathematics.

Applicants must have the following academic qualifications:

**Alternatives to second-level qualifications in Irish, English or Maths**

A Pass in a University *First Arts* Examination in Irish, English or Mathematics will be accepted in lieu of the Leaving Certificate Examination GCE/GCSE requirement for the relevant subject.

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¹ Please note that notice of this requirement (H2.2 Bachelor Degree) which commenced in 2016 was included in the PME Entry Requirements 2014 and the PME Entry Requirements 2015.

² Please note that the overall position on minimum entry requirements from 2018 onwards are being reviewed by the Department of Education & Skills.
In the case of Irish, a Grade C in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992) will also be accepted in lieu of the Leaving Certificate Examination/GCE/GCSE requirement. In addition, the following are accepted as satisfying the Leaving Certificate Examination/GCE/GCSE requirement:

- Diopioma sa Ghaeilge, Level C1, NUIG
- Diopioma sa Ghaeilge, Level B2, NUIG
- Diopioma sa Ghaeilge, NUI Maynooth
- Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) at Level B2, NUI Maynooth
- Diploma in Arts (Applied Irish), University College Cork
- Diopioma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach, UCD
- Diopioma sa Ghaeilge (An Ghaeilge sa Saoil Comhaimseartha), University of Limerick
- Diploma in Irish at the University of Ulster

In the case of Mathematics, a Pass in that subject in the Matriculation Examination, (which ended in 1992 and was taken in conjunction with the Leaving Certificate) will also be accepted in lieu of the Leaving Certificate Examination/GCSE requirement.

Applicants must provide evidence to the Higher Education Institution that their degree is placed as a major award at the appropriate level on the National Framework of Qualifications. Applicants must meet all entry requirements by Monday 2nd July, 2018 and must provide documentary evidence of meeting these requirements. Therefore, applicants taking subjects in the Leaving Certificate or GCE/GCSE examinations in 2018 in order to meet the entry requirements for the PMEP this year are not eligible as their results will not be available until August.

PAC Code: DC970, PAC application fee, €50, non refundable.

Contact with Students:

Normally takes place through the student’s PAC account so applicants are advised to review their emails on a regular basis.

Documentation required:

1) Copy of Leaving Certificate/ School Results
2) Transcripts of all years of honours degree, with overall result of H2.2 or higher (Applicants completing their final year of a degree in 2018 must submit a final transcript by 2nd July 2018 latest)
3) Student Declaration page (this will be provided to applicant when he/she applies through PAC)
   All of the above documents must be submitted by the closing date or (in the case of final year degree applicants by 2nd July 2018). Failure to submit by these dates will result in the applicant failing to meet the application requirements and their application will be declined.

Interview Process

Eligible applicants will be required to undergo an Interview and an Oral Irish Examination. Applicants who get a “fail” grade in either the Interview or oral Irish Examination will be eliminated from the competition. The purpose of the Interview is to ascertain the suitability of the applicant for participation in a primary teacher education programme.
The Oral Irish Examination will comprise:

- conversation on everyday topics and on books read by the applicant; and
- reading correctly and intelligently a suitable passage of prose or poetry and explaining the matter read.

Applicants are required to have a high standard of fluency in the Oral Irish Examination and should prepare for the examination accordingly.

Gaeltacht Placement

*Attendance and Cost:* All students who gain entry to the programme are required to attend two residential placements in the Gaeltacht. Each placement will be of two weeks’ duration. *It should be noted that this is a compulsory part of the programme.* The cost must be met by the applicant and the course will take place on 30th August 2018.

*Cost of Programme*

The fee for DC970 was €5564 in 2017/2018. This may rise in 2018/2019 so applicants are advised to check on the DCU website or contact the Finance Department. Changes to current fees usually are listed in August.