

Aesthetic and Expressive Micro-credential

Why would I want to take this course?

It is suitable for students who need to complete the required area of study Aesthetic and Expressive Activities to meet the registration requirements set down in the Teaching Council Regulation for Physical Education. Once all required areas of study are met, then an application may be made for the PME in Physical Education (this means an application will be considered). You are not guaranteed an interview or a place on the PME course)

Do I need to have an undergraduate degree already?

NO, but you must be in or at the final stages of degree programme that matches on of the following criteria:

- (a) Applicants must hold a degree-level qualification, with Physical Education studied up to and including third-year level or higher (or modular equivalent).
- (b) The qualifying degree must be equivalent to at least Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and with a minimum pass result in all examinations pertinent to the subject of Physical Education.
- (c) The qualifying degree must carry at least 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits (or equivalent) with the specific study of Physical Education comprising at least 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent).

What does the application process involve?

All applications will be screened and shortlisted considering two criteria: (1) Education, awards, current grades, (undergraduate, postgraduate); and (2) Personal statement – following application, applicants will be asked to provide a personal statement.

For a candidate to be considered on the microcredential they must say yes to all three questions below:

1. Is your degree equivalent to a least a Level 8 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)?
2. Does your degree carry a minimum of 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?
3. Do your studies in Physical Education carry a minimum of 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?

If your answer is yes to one of these then you will be asked to fill out a one page document detailing the following information:

Please give a brief background to your undergraduate/postgraduate programmes you are currently doing or have done to date. What interest/reasons do you have for completing this microcredential? (max 300 words)

What is the timetable like?

The course runs from 27th May to the 5th July.

The course is predominantly delivered online live/synchronous and recorded/asynchronous lectures and meetings. However, there is a mandatory 2.5 day practical component to this course which will take place in the University of Limerick in June (date to be confirmed).

Each week you will be able to access the course work via Brightspace (see FAO). There will be a recorded lecture, readings and tasks that will need to be fulfilled prior to the live/synchronous group meeting that will be held for 1 to 1.5 hours at the latter end of the week in the evening.

The week where the on-campus days will take place the structure of the course will change to suit the needs of the practical.

What is Brightspace?

This is the online platform that UL to engage with students. It will have any correspondence needed for a student to complete the course.

What is the typical time commitment?

As this course holds 6ECT credits, the time commitment from students is approx. 10 hours per week. This is broken down into recorded lecture, online meeting, students reading time and task required to fulfil before live session.

What kind of assignments will I have to do?

There are two assignments. One is an online quiz at the end of the course and a practical component that will be held during the on-campus days. This is a pass/fail course.

What are the fees for the programme?

You can find out about fees at www.ul.ie/gps/courses/aesthetic-and-expressive

When is the closing date of applications?

The closing date of applications is 03/05/2024