

LM090 – BSc Physical Education with Concurrent Teacher Education

Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1 st February www.cao.ie	Late applications are not accepted for this programme.
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No. of places reserved for mature students: 11

Guideline figure. Not all mature student places may be filled, as the number and quality of applications received in any year may vary.

Application Process:

1. **CAO application form** – Applicants must ensure that they tick the ‘mature’ special category on the CAO application form.
2. **Personal Statement for LM090** – Course Directors use personal statements to help them more effectively assess an applicant’s suitability for, and level of interest in, a particular course. See guidelines overleaf for writing a personal statement for LM090. The Personal Statement requirement is to enable you to provide more specific information to that which is provided in the ‘Statement of Interest’ on your CAO form.
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, essay for LM090 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- Submission of tailored Personal Statement for LM090 with CAO application

Application Assessment Criteria:

- Prior education
- Relevant work / voluntary experience
- Teaching and/or coaching awards
- Evidence of desire to do this course
- Overall application quality

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Personal information and background
- Knowledge of the programme
- Relevant life and work experience
- Coping with the programme

Guidelines for writing a personal statement for LM090:

The Personal Statement is your opportunity to 'sell' yourself and to emphasise the experience and/or interests you have which are relevant to the course for which you are applying. A tailored personal statement is important, especially if you are applying to a competitive programme for which there is a high demand for places, as you will need to be specific and proactively demonstrate how your experience or your interests match the course you are interested in doing.

Your personal statement should be no greater than one side of a **single A4 page** and cover the following areas:

1. Reasons for wishing to undertake LM090
 2. Programme's potential contribution to your future career or life plans
 3. Highlight relevant experiences or skills gained through employment, voluntary work, or personal interests which have prepared you to undertake LM090
 4. Your knowledge and understanding of the career area in which you are interested
 5. Any specific preparation you have undertaken in anticipation of commencing LM090
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM090'
 - Please ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement