

# LM096 – BSc Science with concurrent Teacher Education

(Physical Sciences with Physics and Chemistry)

## Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1 <sup>st</sup> February <a href="http://www.cao.ie">www.cao.ie</a>	Late applications are not accepted for this programme.
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### No. of places reserved for mature students: 3

*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 LM096** – 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 LM096. 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 LM096 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

### Minimum Entry Requirements:

- HC2 (H4) in at least one Leaving Cert Science subject **AND** OC2/HD3 (O4/H7) in Leaving Cert Mathematics *or* equivalent
- Submission of tailored Personal Statement for LM096 with CAO application

### Application Assessment Criteria:

- Prior education – Leaving Certificate performance and additional educational/professional qualifications
- Relevant work / voluntary experience
- Evidence of desire to do this course
- Demonstration of an understanding of the nature and philosophy of science education

- Overall application quality

### Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Understanding of teaching science as a career
- Communication skills
- Relevant knowledge and experience
- Knowledge of the course and preparedness for third-level

Interviews may be conducted in person or over the phone.

### Guidelines for writing a personal statement for LM096:

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 LM096
  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 LM096
  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 LM096
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM096'
  - Please ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement