2018 Dr Patricia Mannix McNamara appointed head of School
2017 Prof. Merrilyn Goos is appointed Chair of STEM Education. Professional Diploma in School Leadership launched
New Masters in Education launched
2016 Department of Education and Professional Studies is dissolved and the School of Education is established incorporating STEM Education faculty from the faculty of Science and Engineering and the Department of Education and Professional Studies.
Dr Oliver McGarr appointed Head of School
2014 Launch of the department’s Professional Masters in Education (PME)
Revised initial teacher education programmes are launched.
Prof. Paul Conway is appointed Chair of Initial Teacher Education.
Dr. Oliver McGarr is appointed Head of Department
Prof. Sibel Erduran is appointed Chair of STEM Education.
Dr. Patrick Ryan is appointed Head of Department
2011 New Structured Doctoral Programme (Education) and New Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Mathematics)
2009 Dr. Roland Tormey is appointed Head of Department. Research Centre for Education and Professional Studies is launched.
2008 Prof. Marie Parker-Jenkins is appointed Chair of Education.
2007 College of Education is dissolved. New Faculty of Education & Health Science is established which includes E&PS. Mary Immaculate College of Ed. is not part of the new Faculty. Prof. Mary O’Sullivan is appointed Dean.
2006 Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology commences.
2005 New Postgraduate Diploma programmes in Education (Technology)
2000 Tom Geary is appointed Head of Department. New Grad Dip / Master’s in Health Education.
1998 Change of name to Department of Education & Professional Studies. New Professional Post Graduate part time programmes introduced including Guidance Counselling and Systemic Family Therapy with outreach centres throughout Ireland.
1997 New Postgraduate Diploma programme in Education (Music)
1995 Dr. John O’Brien is appointed Head of Department and acting Dean of Education.
1994 Chair of Education becomes vacant. Prof. Kieran Byrne (MIC) appointed Dean of Education. Diploma in Vocational Education and Training established.
1993 Prof. Jim McKiernan is appointed Chair of Education.
1992 Diploma / Masters’ programme in Education Management established.
1991 Thomond College of Education is dissolved and functions transfer to University of Limerick in a new College of Education. Mary Immaculate College of Education is included in this new College. New Department name: Department of Second-Level Education. Dr. Jim Gleeson is appointed Head of Department. Prof. Noel Mulcahy is appointed Acting Dean of Education.
1989 University of Limerick Act passed by Oireachtas. Dr. Edward Walsh, President, NIHE appointed first President.
1983 First graduations from new 4 year Hons. Degree programmes in B. Tech (Ed) Wood and Building (26), B. Tech. (Ed) Metal and Engineering Tech. (22) and B.Sc. (Ed) in General & Rural Science (5)
1982 Thomond College of Education Art (along with NIHEL and NIHEA) passed by Oireachtas. 3 students graduate from new 1 year Graduate Diploma in Education (Business). Physics is added to curriculum.
1979 Schroedinger Building is completed. Former Teacher Education Diploma courses transferred to Limerick from Dublin City VEC (Metal & Engineering Technology) Gorey – Wexford VEC (Wood and Construction Studies) and Crawford Institute Cork (Rural and General Science)
1976 Thomond College of Education is established incorporating NCPE. Mr. James Christian is appointed Director.
1975 40 students graduate from the 4 year Hons Degree B.A in Physical Education (NCEA). Elective subjects on offer include Biology, Chemistry, English & Drama, French, Gaeilge, Mathematics, Music and Social & Environmental Studies (later changed to History, Geography)
1973 PESS Building is completed and opened. Students who had started their respective PE studies at Strawberry Hill (London), Loughborough University, St. Aidan and Ling College Dublin, transfer to Limerick. Prof. Diamuid Leonard is appointed Head of Department.
1972 National College of Physical Education is established. Dr. James Oliver is appointed Director. Dr. Donal Mulcahy is appointed Head of Education Department.