



National College of Art and Design
A Recognised College of University College Dublin

PME2-3 Professional Studies
 (Reflective Essay/ Professional Practice Seminars)

Credits	5	Course	PME
Level (NQAI Framework)	9	School	Education
Stage	1	Module Leader	D. Jordan
Semester	3	Module Coordinator	D. Jordan / I Mullaney

This module is a seminar-led reflective process. Students are challenged to reflect on their studio discipline practice, their education practice and, crucially, the relationship between those two practices. The context for this reflection is framed by the Code of Professional Conduct for teachers, as defined by the Teaching Council. The series of professional practice seminars includes presentations from key agents in the profession (Teaching Council, DES Inspectorate, SEC, school principals, teacher unions etc)

Reflective Essay.

This involves an examination of the development of their identities as artist/designers and as educators over the two-years of this degree programme. Students submit an assignment on this theme, in the form of an essay or through some other media chosen in consultation with their tutor.

What will I learn?

On successful completion of this module students will be able to –

- Consider critically the senses in which the term Professional Practice is used in a teaching situation.
- Become familiar with Professional Practice in the following areas:
- Become familiar with the Code of Professional Conduct for teachers, as defined by the Teaching Council.
- Preparing a C.V. and Interview Techniques
- reflect critically on his/her classroom practice experience
- present a critical essay which will demonstrate a capacity to integrate learning from various domains, including studio and classroom practice, academic study and personal experience
- demonstrate a capacity to become a reflective practitioner in his or her professional life.

How will I learn?

Tutorials Seminars	HRS/ Semesters
Contact hours	18
Autonomous Student Learning /self-directed study	82

Total Workload	100	
How will I be assessed?		
	% of Final Grade	Timing
Submission of completed assignment	100	End of Semester 3
Total	100	