

PME 2-7 Action Research Project

Credits		15	Course	PME
Level (NQAI Framework)		9	School	Education
Stage		1	Module Leader	D. Jordan
Semester		2/3/4	Module Coordinator	D. Jordan//F.King/T. Murphy/I. Mullaney
	<p>The student carries out an action research project (to Level 9 Masters standard), typically on an aspect of their teaching practice. The host school where the student is teaching throughout year 2 is the normal site for this action research project. Each student works under the supervision of a dedicated tutor. Students are encouraged to co-operate with each other in their research and collaborative themes within the cohort will be identified and facilitated. While a certain degree of collective endeavour will be facilitated in projects in the generation of data, and the implementation of research instruments, each student will be required to deliver a project result based on personal, authentic and original research.</p> <p>A dedicated research methods component will also feature within the module. This is designed in particular to facilitate students in designing their action research project for year 2. A research methods component of the module will be included in Semester 1. The final research project will be presented in the form of a thesis of c. 8,000-10,000 words or as a practice based art-project accompanied by a dissertation of the order of 6,000 words.</p>			
	<u>What will I learn?</u>			
	<p>On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a literature review as appropriate to a masters level course • Identify and apply appropriate research methods in education, with particular reference to ethical issues. • Present research findings in an appropriate academic format • Analyse and critically evaluate the research findings • Critically evaluate the respective merits of various research methods, with particular reference to arts-based educational research (ABER). 			
	<u>How will I learn?</u>			
	Tutorials			
	Seminars			
				HRS/ Semesters
	Contact hours			20

	Autonomous Student Learning /self-directed study		290
	Total Workload		300
	<u>How will I be assessed?</u>		
		% of Final Grade	Timing
	Presentation of Individual Action research project Thesis or Project and dissertation	100	End of Semester 4
	Total	100	