

**EXTENDED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
(MSc/PgDip) 65X3LDB1/65X3LDVX**

THIS PROGRAMME WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW ADMISSIONS FOR 2015/16 ONWARDS

Duration: PgDip 1200 hours of part-time study (6 courses); MSc an additional 600 hours of part-time study (1 additional project).

Aims: The aims of the programme are to extend the skills, knowledge and understanding of the participants by:

1. increasing their capacity to meet the changing demands of professional practice by taking an evidence-based approach to personal and professional development
2. developing their capacity to analyse critically evidence and arguments to support professional judgements in complex and ambiguous situations
3. providing opportunities to frame professional enquiries into practice and so make an informed contribution to current professional debates and discussions
4. providing them with opportunities to apply advanced knowledge and understanding of a range of theoretical perspectives and approaches to enhance personal professional practice
5. developing their capacity to shape, lead and deliver change-solutions in a variety of practice settings
6. exploiting opportunities to use research to generate professional knowledge and enhance understanding and practice.

The programme aims to be of benefit to professionals working in a wide range of settings, but in the first instance meeting the needs of professionals working in the following fields are seen as priorities:

Management
Community Learning and Development
Information and communications technologies

Science and technology
Human support systems and services

Content: The programme is comprised of seven courses contributing to a total of 180 credit points at SCQF Level 11 (PG5).

ED50JL	The Extended Professional Project (60 credit points)
ED50JK	Negotiated Extended Study (30 credit points)
ED50LQ	Professional Enquiry (30 credit points)
ED50P1	Practice 1: Engaging and Working with Communities (15 credit points)
ED50P2	Practice 2: Empowering Relationships in Community Learning and Development (15 credit points)
ED50P3	Practice 3: Stages and Settings of Lifelong Learning (15 credit points)
ED50P4	Practice 4: Designing and Managing in a Community Setting (15 credit points)

Participants who complete successfully the first six courses and 120 credit points may exit with a Diploma. Those who complete successfully all seven courses (180 credit points) will achieve the award of a Degree of Master of Science in Extended Professional Studies (Community Learning and Development).

Assessment: Formative assessment is a feature of all courses. Formative and summative assessments are designed to arise naturally from the work. Assignments focus directly on workplace applications.