

# Graduate Profile

## Jeanienne McCarthy

Professional Master of Education  
(Art and Design)

“Having worked in the Arts sector for a number of years, I was inspired to return to college to undertake a PME following a period of travelling and teaching English in Asia. I felt that Art Education would afford me the opportunity to share my love of art with young people while supporting them to discover their own creativity.

The PME is a very intense and demanding course. I will freely admit that I found it extremely challenging. However, the experience enabled me to recognise my own strengths and I developed a confidence and determination that I have taken with me. My tutors were positive role models offering advice, support and encouragement along the way and I hope that this is something I emulate in my own professional practice.”



## Jeanienne's advice

“My advice is to try to find a balance between work and play. If you can give yourself time to recharge, relax and socialise, your health and academic work will thank you for it. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help, there are resources and people available to offer guidance and advice every step of the way. I feel lucky to have had tutors who were genuinely interested and cared about the arts, education and their students.”

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## How to Apply

Application	Closing Date Mid-March (Check Online)
Course Code	CKD25
Award Title	Education – Professional Master of Education (Art and Design)
Duration	2 years Full-time
Places	20
Location	CIT Crawford College of Art & Design & University College Cork

- > Apply online at the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC). Applicants will need to apply before the course closing date. There is a €50 application fee for all courses.
- > Eligible applicants will be interviewed.
- > Garda Vetting is a requirement.

Candidates must have as a minimum requirement a H2:2 primary degree in Fine Art or Design to teach Art and Design at post-primary level. In some cases equivalent qualifications that are recognised by the Teaching Council may be considered.

## About the Course

The Professional Master of Education (Art and Design) is a two-year, full-time Level 9 postgraduate professional teacher education programme, offered jointly by CIT Crawford College of Art & Design and UCC. It leads to a professional qualification as post-primary teacher of Art and Design, recognised and accredited by the Teaching Council of Ireland for the purpose of registration in Ireland and the EU.

The PME (Art & Design) programme supports practice based and research orientated learning, aiming to develop creative and reflective educators. Through national and international perspectives on culture and education, it encourages student teachers to engage with critical thinking and to respond creatively to today's rapidly changing society.

## Why Do This Course

- > Learn and develop best practice for second level art and design education.
- > Explore a wide range of practical and theoretical activities which support the application of new and existing skills, needed to become a professional art educator.
- > This qualification will enable you to register as a teacher of art and design with the Teaching Council of Ireland.
- > Collaborate with other subject areas in second level schools as well as other disciplines in the college environment - e.g. art therapy as a support for well-being.
- > Develop research, analysis/evaluation skills and reflective practices that can be embedded in your educator practice.
- > Gain a qualification that allows you to enter a highly rewarding profession.
- > Students can avail of the services and facilities at both CIT CCAD and UCC through this joint programme of study.

## Potential Careers Opportunities

- > Second level art teachers
- > Third level art educators
- > Artists in residence in primary and secondary schools
- > School principals and deputy-principals
- > Independent art education policy consultants and researchers
- > Museum curators
- > Youth workers
- > Arts officers

