

Level 7  
**Waterford** (Blended)

## Bachelor of Arts **Adult & Further Education**

### **Course overview**

This part-time Level 7 award is designed to meet the needs of tutors/practitioners who are currently working in adult and Further Education & Training (FET) including adult basic education, adult literacy, adult education and community education or those wishing to pursue a career teaching or tutoring in the FET sector.



## Subject area

Throughout the programme, participants will develop their knowledge of adult education theory in order to enhance their practice and self-confidence as adult education tutors/practitioners.

The programme explores the key developments and trends in contemporary adult education, both nationally and internationally. Key areas include practical teaching skills, curriculum planning & development and literacy issues. This programme is assessed through continuous assessment.

It is a modular programme which means the 60 credits can be completed at the student's own pace.



## Unique features

This is a part-time blended learning programme with a delivery model that facilitates the working practitioner scheduled on weekend teaching blocks. Delivery will be a mix of on campus and online modes.

Classes are delivered in workshop-style, where collective, collaborative and creative learning is strongly encouraged. Learning can be applied directly to your practice.

A lecturing team that is hugely experienced in FET & adult literacy. Lecturers value the wealth of experience & knowledge that adult learners bring to the classroom.

Subsidy scheme available to support literacy practitioners or those in receipt of Dept Social Protection payments.

## Course subjects

### Mandatory Modules

Education Policy

Nature of Enquiry in Adult & Further Education

Psychology of Adult Learning 2

Language and Power in Society

Practical Teaching Skills

### Elective\* (choose one)

Blended Learning

Family Literacy

Action Research

Adult Numeracy

Curriculum Development

Leadership in Adult and Further Education

TESOL 3

\* Elective modules offered subject to viability

## Career opportunities

This programme will enhance participants' professional competence and capabilities as adult education and FET tutors/practitioners. Previous graduates have successfully gained employment across the range FET contexts with:

- Education & Training Boards (ETBs) nationally
- SOLAS
- Other Further Education & Training (FET) settings.

## Follow on study options

On successful completion of this programme graduates may progress to either the Level 8 Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Adult and Further Education or Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Teaching in Adult and Further Education or equivalent courses in another Higher Education Institute.

## Entry requirements

All applicants must have the Higher Certificate in Arts in Literacy Development or Higher Certificate in Arts in Adult & Further Education or a relevant qualification equivalent to a full award (120 ECTS) at Level 6 and ongoing experience in an adult or further education setting.

All applicants must be working in adult or further education for the duration of the course.

Applicants may be invited to attend an interview for entry to the programme.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): applicants with significant prior experience in FET sector may apply for direct entry or exemptions using SETU RPL Policy. For further information contact the Programme Leader.

Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English. You will need an IELTS score of 6 (minimum of 5 in each component) or equivalent. Please see [www.setu.ie/englishrequirementswaterford](http://www.setu.ie/englishrequirementswaterford).

## Further information

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