

Level 6  
**Waterford** (Blended)

## Higher Certificate **Adult & Further Education**

### **Course overview**

This part-time Level 6 award is aimed at current adult and further education tutors/practitioners and those wishing to pursue a career in adult or further education, including adult basic education, Further Education & Training (FET) and community education.



## Subject area

The programme aims to equip students with the skills and competencies required to act as tutors, facilitators and trainers in FET settings.

The programme explores theories and good practice in adult basic education and adult education. Participants can apply their learning directly to their practice and share experiences with peers in a supportive learning environment.

- Provide current and future tutors/practitioners with the requisite skill set required for their roles.
- Offer participants a theoretical framework to underpin and enhance their professional practice.



## 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

### Year 1

Introduction to Study Skills & Academic Writing  
Introduction to Curriculum Development and Assessment  
Introduction to Philosophy of Adult Education  
Psychology of Adult Education  
Group Work  
Practical Teaching Skills

### Year 2

Education Policy Development in Adult & Further Education  
Integrating Literacy in Adult & Further Education  
Technology in Adult & Further Education  
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Adult & Further Education

Participants choose two electives from an extensive list of electives. See the website for details.

## Career opportunities

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

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

## Follow on study options

On successful completion of this programme, graduates may progress to the Level 7 Bachelor of Arts in Adult and Further Education or equivalent courses in another Higher Education Institute.

## Entry requirements

Ideally applicants should be actively involved in/ tutoring in the Adult & Further Education & Training sector.

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 advanced 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)

## How do I apply?

Online application forms are available at [www.setu.ie/lidc](http://www.setu.ie/lidc) or [literacy.wd@setu.ie](mailto:literacy.wd@setu.ie).

## Further information

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