

Postgraduate Diploma

Project Management

CKJ19









The Postgraduate Diploma in Project Management aims to equip participants with a broad perspective of project and programme management including technical, managerial and business skills.

The programme is supported by academic and expert practitioners who deliver a curriculum that is relevant, current and research-informed.

The use of interactive seminar and workshop formats, case studies, group and individual exercises support the development of decision-making and problem-solving skills.

The programme ensures that participants understand project management in an organisational context through the emphasis on strategic alignment and the management of resources.



# **PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION**

Covering key competencies in:

- Technical and people focused project management knowledge, skills and abilities
- The application of management frameworks to strategic decision making and resource appraisal
- Managerial, interpersonal and technical skills that maximises the impact of project managers in private, public and non-for-profit organisations
- Using interactive seminar and workshop formats, participants engage in case studies, group and individual exercises in order to develop their decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Ensures that project management is understood in its organisational context by emphasising strategic alignment and the management of resources.

# DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMME ASPECTS

This is a 2 year part-time programme.

Delivered in conjunction with Velopi this programme is unique to the marketplace and provides candidates with both internationally recognised academic and professional accreditation in project management.

Combines university-level modules on Project Management, Strategy, and Leadership in addition to preparing candidates for PMP accreditation.

Exposure to cutting-edge research, critical thinking and toolsets.

Provides a balance of technical, managerial and interpersonal skills that maximises the impact of project managers in private, public and not-for-profit organisations.



# **CAREER INFORMATION**

Graduates to date have tended to move onto/continue to work in technical areas including medical devices and pharmaceuticals, mid-level management roles in the food and beverage sector, public sector and charities.

# LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced analytical and problem solving skills associated with effective project management practice
- Apply practical tools, techniques and conceptual models in order to maximize the value of the project management process
- Critically appraise how projects contribute to an organisation's ability to realise its strategic goals and business benefits
- Appreciate the use of management and leadership skills in the conduct of projects of various size, scope and complexity
- Critically appraise current issues, trends and challenges in Project Management theory and practice
- Prepare a viable research proposal for future research
- Communicate and work effectively to a high professional standard

# **PRACTICALITIES & ASSESSMENT**

### Practicalities

Students will complete the following modules:

- Project Management
- Strategy, leadership and change
- Innovative problem solving and decision making
- Current Issues in Project Management
- Realising strategy through programme management
- Management and Organisation
- Research methods
- Project Bootcamp (PMP Certification)

Classes are scheduled to run for a full day every second Friday and usually a half day Saturday from September to June (full timetable provided in advance). Online seminars and activities are also utilized.

## Assessment

Assessment is through a variety of continuous assessment methods including individual and group projects, presentations, etc.

The teaching team on this programme comprises academic experts in the field of project management as well as a number of highly experienced practitioners.

Programme Code: CKJ19 Duration: 24 Months (Part-Time) Teaching Mode: Classroom Qualification: Postgraduate Diploma NFQ Level: Level 9



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2019

#### Irish/EU Students

Applicants must have:

- A 2.2 primary degree at NFQ Level 8 Honours Degree or equivalent (e.g. Higher Diploma) and
- At least 2 years professional work experience
- Consideration may be given to applicants who do not fully meet the above criteria but who have significant senior professional experience in related fields such as engineering, construction, operations and software development.
- All applicants are required to complete a supplementary form. Participants will be selected on the basis of the information supplied in their application and supplementary information. The university reserve the right to interview applicants to help make determinations.

### **English Language Requirement:**

Applicants from non-native English-speaking countries will be required to undertake a recognised English language test.

Please see accepted tests and minimum requirements below.

IELTS: 6.5 With no individual section lower than 5.5

### **TOEFL**: 90

With minimum scores as follows:

- Listening: 17 Reading: 18
- Speaking: 20 Writing: 17

## Cambridge Proficiency Exam: Grade C Cambridge Advanced Exam: Grade B

**Pearson PTE**: 63 With no individual section lower than 59

Priority will be give to candidates with very high language skills.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for this programme is online at the Postgraduate Application Centre <u>www.pac.ie/ucc</u> (PAC Code: CKJ19)

For more information on the Programme:



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