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SKILL UP

Fully Funded Postgraduate Programmes

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The Department for the Economy, with funding from the Northern Ireland Office and the Department of Finance, has developed the SKILL UP programme to provide fully funded opportunities to improve the skills profile of our local workforce. Stranmillis is delighted to be offering four postgraduate certificate programmes as part of SKILL UP.

- **Postgraduate Certificate in Leading Skills Development**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in STEM Education**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Skills**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Blended Learning**

The number of places on each programme is limited and early application is advised. For each course, students will study two M-level modules between October 2023 and May 2024.

Postgraduate Certificate in Leading Skills Development

This course will support the developing leader of the modern education environment. It will equip students with transformational practices and ideas for improved whole-school/college initiatives. Two core modules are studied, one in each semester.

Learning Leadership

- leadership research and styles
- behaviours and habits of the skills-focused leader
- emotional intelligence and people-centred leadership practices
- team coaching and mentoring for performance improvement

Strategic and Operational Leadership: From Culture and Vision to School/College Improvement

- collective ambition for future skills and whole-organisation ethos
- creating the school/college educational brand
- distributed and shared leadership for impact evidence-based approaches to change
- evidence-based approaches to change management and the skills economy



Postgraduate Certificate in STEM Education

This course in STEM Education is aimed at those who wish to develop their subject knowledge and confidence in this crucial and ever changing area. Teachers will be supported to bring this new knowledge into their educational setting and demonstrate their leadership skills in advancing STEM Education in their educational setting. Two core modules are studied, one in each semester.

Developing Best Practice in STEM Education

This module explores how learning theories and cognitive development should inform STEM Education from Early Years through to the end of KS2 and into KS3. It aims to promote the use of hands-on classroom activities to develop pupils' skills and conceptual understanding.

Developing Leadership Skills in STEM Education

Module 2 aims to extend individual's STEM expertise across the entire educational setting through workshops and seminars on planning across areas such as the progression of enquiry skills, the use of digital technology, and the use of the outdoors and external agencies.

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Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Skills

This course will prepare schools and colleges for the evolving demands of the citizenship and cyber curriculum. It will support teachers and FE practitioners as they develop in this digital decade. The course aims to offer rich digital skills and research-informed strategies for new age educational environments. Two core modules are studied, one in each semester.

Digital Citizenship

- global and cyber citizenship in the 21st century
- developing a digital competence framework
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework
- the role of gaming in developing cognitive, creative and collaborative skills.

Digital Curriculum

- the new curriculum approach for a digital decade
- the digital inclusion debate
- digital skills needs at a whole-school level
- computational thinking for future schools/transformative colleges

Postgraduate Certificate in Blended Learning

This course introduces practitioners to the hybrid learning opportunities of modern classroom practices. Connected learning and technology rich practices will be explored and developed. This is a practitioner course for those in formal, informal or corporate education and training roles. The course will equip new or existing staff with the necessary teaching and design thinking skills to improve the modern learning environment. Digital leadership and the promotion of digital and transversal skills will be an integral part of the programme. Two core modules are studied, one in each semester.

Blended Learning 1

- how to teach and design a hybrid learning programme
- approaches to connected learning and technology rich practices
- how to engage learners and build confidence in educational technology skills
- design thinking and the modern practitioner

Blended Learning 2

- focus on becoming a digital champion and leader at whole-school/college level
- eTeaching and eLearning as a Whole-School Mission and Policy
- becoming a digital leader and champion of change
- opportunities for global Learning and digital skills
- developing a community of practice in support of hybrid learning

A limited number of funded places for each programme are available under the Skill Up Programme for eligible applicants. Please follow QR code below for more details.



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