**Teaching Placement Overview**

* There are two teaching placements on this course.
* Teaching Placement 1 involves 30 hours of teaching observation and 30 hours of teaching practice plus a teaching portfolio to be completed. During *Phase 1* – known as *The Orientation Teaching Phase* - the Student Teacher does not assume full responsibility for the class group until **after** the October midterm break when *Phase 2* begins.
* It is necessary to pass Professional Teaching Placement 1 in order to progress to Professional Teaching Placement 2.
* Teaching Placement 2 involves completion of a teaching portfolio centred on 70 hours of teaching / tutoring practice in an adult education setting is expected.
* It is envisaged that student teachers will teach ‘all year round’ in diverse FET settings – from Youthreach, PLC programmes, ETBs, Further Ed. Colleges, Training Centres, Private Training Companies to broader Adult and Community Education settings. The programme facilitates those who already work in the system; as well as those who are new to teaching and who wish to secure a position in the sector and/or those who work voluntarily at community level.
* Student teachers will provide a timetable to the university, identifying (normally 6) possible teaching / tutoring lessons per week that may be supervised. Students may have more than one teaching / tutoring subject which they can identify in their formal (6-lesson) timetable.

Student teachers are formally supervised twice per academic year; each time a supervisor report is generated and a student teacher response to each report.