

Harnessing the Power of Generative AI and other Digital Tools for the 21st Century Classroom

One-week Teacher Development Course 2025



What does the course cover?

It will provide participants with increased confidence in how to incorporate the latest innovations and trends in technology successfully into their teaching. There is a strong focus on how generative AI can supercharge teaching and learning specific to an individual teacher's context.

We will demystify large language models, generative artificial intelligence and what prompt engineering is. This is a solution-based approach to the new emerging landscape of how, when and where we can learn and teach. Participants will work on projects particular to their teaching context to allow them bring practical applications, teaching materials and ideas on their return to their own classrooms.

Prior to the course you are invited to complete a Needs Analysis which will help the Centre to meet the particular needs of participants.

Who is this course for?

This one-week teacher development course is ideal for English language practitioners who are enthusiastic and/or curious about the potential of generative AI and digital tools.



How to Apply

Please email TandD@ucc.ie quoting 'Teacher Development' followed by your name in the subject line.

Application Form is downloadable from the following link:
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/esol/teach-train/teacherdevelopmentcourse/>

Course Dates

21 to 21 July 2025

Course Cost

€595 Erasmus+ funding may be possible.

(Contact the Erasmus co-ordinator in your institution now to enquire about access to a mobility grant.)

This one-week teacher development course focusses on the latest innovations and trends in technology with a particular focus on how AI can supercharge teaching and learning in your particular context.

Over the five days of the course, together with peers, you will discover how many aspects of learning and teaching are changing and how we perceive and understand our roles as teachers are also in the process of change.

We will explore the concept of trust; trust in ourselves as teachers, trust in our students, and our students trust in us as teachers, and trust in technology as an aid and catalyst for accelerated learning.

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Each day we will set a topic for reflection and discussion related to what it means to be an early 21st century language teacher.

You will leave the course enthusiastic about your role in how to maximise your learners' opportunities to progress and meet learning goals on an accelerated path, harnessing the power of new technologies and the digital tools available.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Please note if these self-catering options are unavailable, we will try to secure other private accommodation close to university which may be more expensive.

Self-catering options - UCC Campus

Accommodation €255 week (€45 per extra night)
/ only available from June to Aug

Castlewhite - €235 week(€40 per extra night) /
only available from June to Aug

Host Family - Includes bed, breakfast and evening meal.

€270 per week (€50 per extra night)

MINIMUM ENTRY LANGUAGE LEVEL REQUIREMENT

Participants should normally have an upper-intermediate standard of English (B2 on the Common European Framework)

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On the Wednesday there is an excursion to a local place of interest.

On Thursday evening there is a fun evening social activity.

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