

Special Purpose Award (SPA) in Effective Teaching in Higher Education

New for 2017/18

For CIT staff who would like to gain academic credits and recognition for their teaching and learning practice developed through experience.



The Special Purpose Award in Effective Teaching in Higher Education is to recognise and reward high quality teaching and learning practices that staff have developed through their experience of designing, teaching and assessing modules.

Cost: No fees for CIT employees.



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Target Audience:

- CIT staff with 5 years teaching experience in higher education who have designed modules and use technology (e.g. Blackboard) in their teaching
- CIT staff who may already have a Masters and/or PhD in their academic discipline and would like to obtain a qualification in Teaching and Learning

What is in it for me?

- A professional qualification in Teaching and Learning at Level 9
- An opportunity to enhance your teaching and learning practice through structured learning activities and informal discussions with colleagues
- An opportunity to reflect on, and showcase your practice

How do I achieve this?

- a) Submit a portfolio of evidence that showcases examples of your teaching practice, your assessment practice, a module that you have designed and the technology that you use to support your teaching. You would need some evidence (from students or peers) to demonstrate the effectiveness of some of your practices. Your portfolio should contain a self-evaluation based on this evidence.
- b) Collect a range of digital badges that align with the intended learning outcomes of the SPA. These will be outlined on the new TLU website in the coming months.
- c) A combination of (a) and (b), i.e. integrating badges as part of the portfolio of evidence.

Further Information

Informal information sessions will be held:

- **Tuesday, 13th June 2017, 10:00-11:00**, Room A217a, Upstairs A Corridor, Bishopstown Campus
- **Thursday, 15th June 2017, 12:00-13:00**, FBH Boardroom, D137, Bishopstown Campus

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