Professional Diploma in Digital Leadership
Unleash the power of digital

Although disruption has always been a constant threat, the rise of digital technologies has accelerated the pace of disruption in practically every industry.

Emerging markets are offset by novel competitors, new technologies create efficiencies while eating into traditional revenue centres, and agile innovation becomes a competitive necessity.

Building on three key digital pillars — the strategic view, the transformation view and the innovation view — the Professional Diploma in Digital Leadership draws on the latest research and best-practice to give you an integrated view on what it takes to lead during this era of digital disruption.

This programme is for you if:

› You are a leader looking to unlock the value of your organisational digital assets, devising and deploying strategies to create new value.

› You are a business leader seeking to develop the confidence and a vocabulary in digital concepts.

› You have the responsibility to conduct and/or review the digital strategy of your organisation and wish to create a strategic plan.

› You wish to expand your leadership potential in creating and executing digital transformation strategies.

Only 5% of companies feel they have strong digital leaders in place. Deloitte Human Capital Report, 2017

It is your ability to create new opportunities and execute agile strategies in this landscape that will set you and your organisation apart.
Programme Themes:

1 Digital Leadership and Strategy
   » Gain a deeper understanding of how digital leadership and strategy differ from traditional approaches.
   » Assess digital models and frameworks and research techniques that will give you a new lens to formulate organisational strategies.
   » Critically evaluate the digital strategies and leadership practices of their own and other organisations.
   » Apply digital leadership and strategy tools and techniques to your own organisation’s unique challenges.
   » Be able to clearly articulate your digital strategy to stakeholders at all levels — including the boardroom.

2 Digital Disruption and Transformation
   » Identify the latest digital trends, technologies, platforms, and business models driving the need for digital transformation of your organisation, appraising likely threats and opportunities.
   » Develop the mindset and tactics needed for you and your organisation to be agile in an era of disruption.
   » Apply digital disruption and transformation tools to your organisation’s challenges.
   » Produce a business case for the further investment and adoption of digital technologies in your own organisation.

3 Digital Innovation
   » Challenge and disrupt your own thinking and develop new mindsets and behaviours required for an effective digital transformation.
   » Assess and deploy models of innovation that you can use to rewire your organisation’s processes, structures, and capabilities.
   » Apply design thinking to investigating and implementing change in your own or other organisations.
   » Bridge the gap between strategy and execution, bringing new innovations into the core of how your organisation works.

4 Digital Transformation Project
   » Conduct a Digital Transformation project that utilises strategic processes, business models and technology opportunities to create an applicable business strategy for your organisation.

This programme will equip you to:

- Drive the cultural and organisational shifts needed to achieve technology led innovation in your business.
- Map available and emerging technologies onto your business strategy.
- Investigate, analyse and communicate the business value of new and emerging technologies at all levels.
- Bring more customer-centric design thinking to new product or service development, creating value throughout the chain.
The Master of Business gives you the flexibility to choose the subjects that are right for your needs, while building up to a Masters Degree qualification. Each element of your journey promises to be an energising learning experience leading to a world class qualification.

The Masters qualification requires you to complete two Professional Diplomas before undertaking a final capstone programme to bring your learning together in an integrative experience, that will positively impact your professional career and your organisation.

The capstone programme is focused on rigour and imbued with relevance, and will help to improve confidence and self-perception, hone knowledge and skills, and emphasise reflective practice.

All programmes are validated and awarded by University College Cork, and are at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. You can complete the taught element of each Professional Diploma on a modular basis over a 6-month period, and have up to six years to complete all elements of your journey.

The Advanced Performance Programme is for professionals who want to bring their leadership capabilities to a new level. Through a blended focus on the environment, the organisation, and the individual, the APP serves to synthesise the learning outcomes of your IMI journey.

Designed and delivered in partnership with Cork University Business School, this pathway will lead to a Professional Masters of Business Studies, Ireland’s first Professional Masters of its kind.
Programme Delivery

Our High Impact Transformation learning approach lies at the core of all IMI programmes, meaning these sessions are always interactive, engaging and experiential.

Action and experiential learning — doing and reflecting — is a highly effective leadership and team development technique, which you will find enjoyable, challenging and in many cases transformational.

Dates:

Facilitated Workshops:

1) 02, 03 & 04 November 2022
2) 30 November, 01 & 02 December 2022
3) 05 & 06 January 2023
3a) 09, 10 & 11 January 2023*
4) 01, 02 & 03 February 2023
5) 27, 28 February, & 01 March 2023*
5a) 02 & 03 March 2023
6) 29, 30 & 31 March 2023

*Participants will only need to attend on one of these presentation days

Entry Requirements:

A candidate’s eligibility for each Professional Diploma or the Professional Master of Business Studies will be determined by a combination of their academic qualifications and/or relevant professional experience. A primary degree from a recognised third-level institution (NFQ level 8), with a minimum classification of Second Class Honours, will typically be required with five years relevant work experience, at least 3 of which must be at managerial level, however, prior workplace learning will be recognised where applicants do not meet the academic requirement. This experience may come from a general business or organisational background, or experience working at a management level or in the area specifically related to the Diploma. Each candidate will meet with the Programme Directors, who will interview applicants in person virtually or physically. The IMI Office of the Registrar will oversee all applications, and the final decision on any application shall remain with the Registrar. All applicants whose first language is not English will be required to show evidence of the successful completion of an IELTS or TOEFL test or equivalent as specified here. The English language requirement when using IELTS is a score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each individual section or equivalent.

Autumn delivery:

This Autumn, all of our Professional Diplomas will be delivered in-person at the IMI Campus to facilitate the best learning experience for participants. We will facilitate a hybrid delivery option should you require it.

Price:

Corporate Member: €9,500
SME: €10,000
Non-member: €10,500

For more information, including a full listing of facilitated workshop dates, please contact our programme advisors at programmeadvisors@imi.ie.
Participant information

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*Programmes scheduled subject to cohort size.

Validation

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Assignments and Workload

To earn a Masters Degree or Professional Diploma, participants will be assessed through a variety of practical assignments. Programmes will have no examinations; instead, the emphasis throughout is on the practical application of knowledge to benefit you and your organisation. Assessment workload extends across the programme to allow you to combine your learning with your work and life demands.

Paperless policy

Brochures and course materials will exclusively be available to participants on our immersive Virtual Learning Environment. By adopting a paperless approach, IMI and our participants are reducing our carbon footprint and doing our bit for the planet. IMI’s mission is to equip leaders to build the future. We are mindful that this future depends on organisations finding creative ways to sustainably deliver performance, both sustainability in the human performance of organisations and in how we use the planet’s resources.