EDMT5503
Professional Experiences 1

Unit of Study Outline

Session 2, 2014

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Unit of Study Details

Credits: 4
Prerequisites: EDMT5500
Preparation:

Teaching Staff Details

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What is the unit about

Rationale

Pre-service MTeach Teachers undertake their first Professional Experience placement of 20 days in a secondary or primary school in the second semester of the first year of the program. During the placement they are assigned to one or more Supervising Teachers.

For secondary Pre-service Teachers, teaching will commonly be in a single curriculum area with responsibility for teaching one or more classes for a total of between 10 and 14 lesson periods per week (based on a 40 minute period and after an initial period of orientation with classes).

For primary Pre-service Teachers, student teaching will involve responsibility for 1-2 lessons per day progressing to whole sessions by the end of the practicum.

Supervising teacher(s) guide Pre-service Teachers’ professional learning in the school and in discussion with the University Mentor will be responsible for writing the Professional Experience Report that will form the basis of the assessment in the enrolled unit of study.

Australian Teaching Standards

1. Know students and how they learn
By appropriate interactions with students during professional experience placement including direct teaching, team-teaching, classroom observations, assisting the classroom teacher and working with children in out of class activities (1.1.1, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.4.1, 1.5.1, 1.6.1).

2. Know the content and how to teach it
By designing and implementing lesson plans outlining learning sequences in a range of key learning areas including teaching strategies for use of ICT (2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.6.1).

3. Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning
By planning, implementing and evaluating lesson plans with appropriate learning goals through clear lesson sequences using a range of teaching strategies and resources (including ICT) (3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.1, 3.6.1).

4. Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments
By demonstrating knowledge and skills in the use of appropriate strategies for: giving instructions; student organization, dealing with challenging behaviors; engaging student participation; supporting safety and well-being (4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 4.5.1).

5. Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning
Using a wide range of appropriate methods to get feedback on student progress towards learning outcomes and intervene successfully. Understand the relationship between classroom, school and system based assessment practices (5.1.1, 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.5.1).

6. Engage in professional learning
By reflective evaluation of their teaching practices, responding to feedback including suggestions for improvement from co-operating teacher(s) and university mentor and engaging in professional development activities offered at the placement school (6.1.1, 6.2.1, 6.3.1, 6.4.1).

7. Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community
By acting in a professional manner in all interaction with school colleagues, parents/carers and community members during the professional experience period (7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.3.1, 7.4.1).

Priority Areas

2. Classroom management
In this first professional experience the aim is to develop practical strategies in classroom management.

Desired outcomes

As a result of successfully completing this unit of study students should be able to:

1. Meet the national professional standards for teachers at the non-graduating teacher level designated by the university professional experience non-graduate report and accompanying evidence guide.

2. Fulfil the university’s requirements for the Professional Experience, including adequately documenting their planning for teaching using written lesson plans as prescribed by the Faculty for this practicum and attending all the prescribed days for the placement, for the full school day (unless Faculty approval has been obtained for any other variation).

Topics

Not applicable

Timetable and Teaching Mode

The Faculty of Education and Social Work requires attendance of at least 90 per cent of all seminars, workshops or lectures. Where a student is unable to attend at the required rate evidence of illness or misadventure may be required and the student may be required to undertake extra work. Students should discuss the circumstances of their absence(s) with the co-ordinator of the unit of study.

This unit requires attendance at a designated school placement site for 20 full teaching days (excluding public holidays). Any days missed through illness or misadventure must be made up in a schedule negotiated with the professional experience school.

There is a Blackboard site for this unit that will contain resources that students might find useful.
Assessment

Assessment policies

All assessment in this Unit of Study occurs in conformity with the policies of the Faculty of Education and Social Work as outlined on the Faculty web-site. Please refer to this on such matters as:

- Marking and grading
- Questioning a mark
- Submitting an assignment
- Exams
- Seeking an extension
- Penalties for late submission of work
- Plagiarism and academic honesty
- Seeking special consideration
- Seeking leave of absence
- Student appeals process

All students enrolled in this Unit of Study are expected, without exception, to familiarise themselves with these policies. They are available at the following web-site:

http://sydney.edu.au/education_social_work/current_students/assistance_forms/policies.shtml

All assignments must be submitted with the Faculty cover-sheet attached and completed. This is available from the Faculty of Education and Social Work web-site (http://sydney.edu.au/education_social_work/current_students/assistance_forms/resources/assignment_coversheet.pdf).

The University of Sydney has adopted severe but fair procedures for dealing with plagiarism. It is imperative that students understand what constitutes plagiarism. The threat of being accused of plagiarism is generally relieved by expert referencing of your assignments. If you are not sure how to reference well, please refer to the publications of the Faculty mentioned above, and in particular the following web-site:


Assessment tasks in this unit of study

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1. Professional Experience

Due date for completion: 19/09/2014

Submission instructions:

The Professional Experience Report: Non Graduating Preservice Teacher to be completed by the designated Cooperating Teacher, assisted by the Tertiary Mentor and/or Director.
of Professional Experience where required. It is signed by the student teacher and then submitted to the Division of Professional Experience.

**Detail:**
Successful completion of the 20 day Professional Experience placement

**Assessment criteria:**
Demonstrated a developing capacity and achievement of criteria aligned with the identified National Professional Standards for Teachers. Assessment is in terms of the criteria within the Professional Experience Report: Non Graduating Preservice Teacher and the linked Evidence Guide carried out by the designated Cooperating Teacher and where necessary the Tertiary Mentor and/or the Director of Professional Experience. Grading is “Satisfies Requirements” (R) or “Fail” (F).

**Student evaluation**

We welcome feedback on this Unit of Study. Please take the time to offer constructive written feedback at the end of the semester. The teaching team is committed to the participation of learners in the process of planning and evaluation of courses.

**Other notes on this unit of study**

MTeach (School Counselling) students enrolled in this unit need to contact Dr Susan Colmar to discuss their particular requirements within this unit.