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IMPORTANT:

For student policies and procedures relating to assessment, attendance and student support, please see website, <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture
School of Education
EDST 6760 Professional Experience 1 (6 units of credit)
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2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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3. COURSE DETAILS

Course Name	Professional Experience 1
Credit Points	6 units of credit (6 uoc)
Workload	A minimum of 150 hours, including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.
Key dates:	Final preparation for PE 1 (check your university timetable and email for orientation details)
Pre-requisites for BEd	48 UOC completed from non-Education courses in the first or second teaching area. In Arts/Ed this should be made up of 24 UOC from the major and 24 UOC from the minor.
Schedule	http://classutil.unsw.edu.au/EDST_T1.html#EDST6760T1

SUMMARY OF THE COURSE

In this course you will develop a range of teaching skills and understandings essential to plan for and manage successful classrooms. You will complete a 4-week (20 day) supervised professional experience placement in a NSW school. Through ongoing observation, supervised teaching and contribution to the wider school community, the course ensures you work towards the achievement of the **Australian Professional Standards for Teachers** at the graduate level.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome		Assessment/s
1	Make significant progress in working towards meeting the Australian professional standards for teachers at the graduate level.	2
2	Continually reflect on and seek out opportunities to improve teaching practice through lesson observation, reflection and inquiry	2
3	Demonstrate a strong commitment, enthusiasm and respect for the teaching profession.	1,2

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

Standard	Assessment/s	
1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning	2
1.2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research into how students learn and the implications for teaching	2
1.3	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistics, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds	2
1.4	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the education of students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds	2
1.5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities	2
1.6	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of legislative requirements and teaching strategies that support participation and learning of students with disability	2
2.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, substance and structure of the content and teaching strategies of the teaching area	2
2.2	Organise content into an effective learning and teaching sequence	2
2.3	Use curriculum, assessment and reporting knowledge to design learning sequences and lesson plans	2
2.4	Demonstrate broad knowledge of, understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages	2
2.5	Know and understand literacy and numeracy teaching strategies and their application in teaching areas	2
2.6	Implement teaching strategies for using ICT to expand curriculum learning opportunities for students	2
3.1	Set learning goals that provide achievable challenges for students of varying characteristics	2
3.2	Plan lesson sequences using knowledge of student learning, content and effective teaching strategies	2
3.3	Include a range of teaching strategies	2
3.4	Demonstrate knowledge of a range of resources including ICT that engage students in their learning	2
3.5	Demonstrate a range of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student engagement	2
3.6	Demonstrate broad knowledge of strategies that can be used to evaluate teaching programs to improve student learning	2
3.7	Describe a broad range of strategies for involving parents/carers in the educative process	2
4.1	Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities	2
4.2	Demonstrate the capacity to organise classroom activities and provide clear directions	2
4.3	Demonstrate knowledge of practical approaches to manage challenging behaviour	2
4.4	Describe strategies that support students' well-being and safety working within school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements	2
4.5	Demonstrate an understanding of relevant issues and the strategies available to support the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching	2
5.1	Demonstrate understanding of assessment strategies, including informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative approaches to assess student learning	2
5.2	Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of providing timely and appropriate feedback to students about their learning	2
5.3	Demonstrate understanding of assessment moderation and its application to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning	2

5.4	Demonstrate the capacity to interpret student assessment data to evaluate student learning and modify teaching practice	2
5.5	Demonstrate understanding of a range of strategies for reporting to students and parents/carers and the purpose of keeping accurate and reliable records of student achievement	2
6.1	Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the National Professional Standards for Teachers in identifying professional learning needs	2
6.2	Understand the relevant and appropriate sources of professional learning for teachers	2
6.3	Seek and apply constructive feedback from supervisors and teachers to improve teaching practices	2
6.4	Demonstrate an understanding of the rationale for continued professional learning and the implications for improved student learning	2
7.1	Understand and apply the key principles described in codes of ethics and conduct for the teaching profession	2
7.2	Understand the relevant legislative, administrative and organisational policies and processes required for teachers according to school stage	2
7.3	Understand strategies for working effectively, sensitively and confidentially with parents/carers	2
7.4	Understand the role of external professional and community representatives in broadening teachers' professional knowledge and practice	2

4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

Professional Experience gives student teachers the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values essential for teaching in schools in NSW. Placements offer diversity in year levels taught, subject areas taught, educational sectors (DET, independent, Catholic and other denominations), geographical location (inner city, outer suburbs, rural). Professional Experience placements are developmental and sequential.

5. TEACHING STRATEGIES

Professional experience consists of structured observations, supervised teaching and other duties in a school setting that allow pre-service teachers to engage with school age students, teachers, and other paraprofessionals. These will occur in a climate that is supportive and inclusive of all learners.

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Teacher education students complete a 4-week (20 day) professional experience block in a NSW school, teaching one third of a teacher's normal full-time load. Through ongoing observation and critical reflection, supervised teaching and other school-related activities, Professional Experience 1 allows teacher education students to work towards the achievement of the **Australian Professional Standards for Teachers** at the graduate level. [See the overview here.](#)

7. RESOURCES

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. (2013). *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. Standards*. Retrieved from <http://www.teacherstandards.aitsl.edu.au/OrganisationStandards/Organisation>

Churchill, R., Ferguson, P., Godinho, S., Johnson, N.F., Keddie, A., Letts, W., Vick, M. (2013). *Teaching. Making a Difference*. (2nd ed onwards.). Milton, QLD: John Wiley & Sons.

8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Task Type	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	Australian Professional Standards Assessed	Due Date
Assessment 1: Preparation tasks	Situational judgement test	Hurdle	3	all	Before week 1
Assessment 2: Successful completion of 20 days of supervised professional experience, including engagement with wider school community.	Report	100%	1-3	all	End of week 4

The final grade awarded for Professional Experience is either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory based on the following:

1. Preparation tasks

Before their first supervised professional experience placement, all teacher education students must successfully complete:

A situational judgement test. This test is a scenario-based measurement tool designed to assess individuals' judgement in a contextualised workplace setting. This test evaluates key non-academic capabilities deemed necessary for teaching (e.g., adaptability, empathy).

2. The Professional Experience Report.

The Professional Experience report is the responsibility of the Supervising teacher(s) who may consult with the University Liaison. The report is written collaboratively where there are 2 or more supervising teachers. This report needs to be discussed with the teacher education student prior to it being signed. The report should be consistent with strengths/areas for concern discussed throughout the placement. Supervising teachers and the university liaison assess each teacher education student against Australian professional standards for teachers at the graduate level for each standard descriptor, their level of achievement is assessed as:

- WT** – Working Towards
- D** – Demonstrated
- E** – Exceeds Expectations.