



EDTE4030

Professional Experience in the Primary School 2

Session 1, In person-placement, North Ryde 2023

Macquarie School of Education

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to BEd(Prim) and EDTE3010 or EDTE301 or EDTE3540 or EDTE354

Corequisites

EDTE4550 or EDTE455

Co-badged status

Unit description

Students are required to work in a school for at least 20 days under the guidance of a supervising teacher implementing strategies and techniques being studied concurrently in the 400-level professional units in which they are enrolled.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Develop a sound knowledge of the K-6 curriculum across six Key Learning Areas.

ULO2: Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of students and how they learn.

ULO3: Demonstrate a deep understanding of the processes of learning, teaching and assessing.

ULO4: Develop a comprehensive grasp of the professional role of the teacher.

General Assessment Information

Withdrawing from this unit

If you are considering withdrawing from this unit, please seek academic advice via <https://ask.mq.edu.au> before doing so as this unit may be a co-requisite or prerequisite for units in the following sessions and may impact on your course progression.

Results

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Professional Experience report	100%	No	23:55 09/06/23

Professional Experience report

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **23:55 09/06/23**

Weighting: **100%**

1. Reports and feedback from the pre-service teacher's Supervising Teacher, and 2. Formal observation(s) from a University Supervisor, 3. The return of all following reports and papers to the Professional Experience Office at Macquarie University, including your Supervising Teacher's Report, student self evaluations and register of visits. You will not receive a final grade until these papers are submitted to the Professional Experience office.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop a sound knowledge of the K-6 curriculum across six Key Learning Areas.
- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of students and how they learn.
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of the processes of learning, teaching and assessing.
- Develop a comprehensive grasp of the professional role of the teacher.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Required and recommended texts The following text is strongly recommended for this unit as a support resource for the PEx:

Cavanagh, M. & Prescott, A. (2022). *Your professional experience handbook: A guide for preservice teachers* (2nd ed.). Pearson.

Information about the unit iLearn site

This unit has a full web presence through *iLearn*.

Students will need regular access to a computer and the Internet to complete this unit.

Weekly access to iLearn is compulsory for all students. Important assessment information will be posted here, as will other relevant unit notices and materials.

Electronic links and suggested references will be included in the Resources section. Please check the iLearn unit regularly.

Access and technical assistance

Information for students about access to the online component of this unit is available at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/index.php>. You will need to enter your student username and password.

Please do **NOT** contact the Unit Convenor regarding *iLearn* technical help.

Assistance is available from IT Helpdesk

Ph: 9850 4357 or 1800 67 4357

Email: help.mq.edu.au.

On Campus: Ground floor at 18 Wally's Walk

Unit Schedule

This unit involves students completing a 30-day professional experience placement. The block professional experience in this unit is: **24/04/2023 - 12/05/2023** (14 days, as Anzac Day is not included). You need to complete an additional 16 days, which may be before and/or after the block placement. Note that days can only be completed before April 24 if your placement is allocated before the Term 1 school holidays, otherwise all days will need to be during Term 2.

The timing of the additional days needs to be negotiated with your school and supervising teacher.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

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Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Passing a Professional Experience Unit

To pass a Professional Experience unit, students must achieve a satisfactory result for their professional experience placement AND achieve a satisfactory result overall for their academic assessment tasks (where applicable) in the unit.

Professional Experience Unit Placement Expectations

- Students must be able to present evidence of completion of several tasks prior to session census date (or as otherwise advised) in order to receive a placement for Professional Experience. Please check your email from the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Office. Requirements are outlined here as well: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/professional-learning/pl-resources/pre-service-teacher-resources/induction-on-for-pre-service-teachers/mandatory-pre-requisites-for-pre-service-teachers-participating->
- Students who are completing a unit offered by another department are expected to inform and negotiate with that unit convenor about their professional experience block dates and to discuss how that unit's requirements can be met. For some situations, it may mean that you are enrolled externally for that unit so that your attendance for tutorials for that unit is not impacted.
- Feedback from Tertiary Supervisors and/or Supervising Teachers is of a general nature. It is incumbent on the student to check the requirements of any assessments or bookwork prior to submission.
- If a Student is identified being in need of additional support for Professional Practice and/or Bookwork, the School of Education's 'Additional Support' procedure will be activated and they will not be able to withdraw themselves from this Unit.
- Students may not be able to commence their placement until all alleged academic honesty breaches have been investigated and concluded.
- The timing of placements can vary. For placements early in the Session, Fail grades may be approved by the University prior to the end of Session for students who do not meet the placement expectations of the Unit.

Fitness to Practice requirements

- Macquarie University operates under a 'Fitness to Practice' model as specified in the

University's Academic Progression Policy. For this unit, this means that, when undertaking a placement, a student is declaring that they are able to demonstrate professional competence, acceptable professional behaviour, freedom from impairment, and compliance with program specific requirements needed for a student to practice properly and safely throughout their Practical, Clinical or Professional program or unit. It is the responsibility of the student to determine whether they are fit to undertake a placement. Therefore, if a student is feeling unfit to undertake a placement, they should not do so. For more information <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/academic-progression>

Twice-Fail Rule for Professional Experience Units

General Coursework Rule 10(7) stipulates that if a student fails a required unit twice in an undergraduate professional program listed on Schedule 2, they may be permanently excluded from further enrolment in that program.

Students completing a double degree will be able to continue with their other degree program provided they meet the academic progression requirements of the Academic Progression Policy.

Students completing a single Education degree (such as the BTeach/MTeach) are advised to seek academic advice.

5Rs Framework

At Macquarie University we aim to produce graduates who not only have relevant discipline knowledge and teaching know-how, but who also understand and strive for those capabilities that will make teaching a sustaining career for years to come. The 5Rs Framework, developed by the Macquarie School of Education, is embedded throughout your teacher education course. Your use of the 5Rs Framework will help you develop the capabilities that will make your teaching career sustainable and fulfilling. Embedded in all our teaching courses is the Macquarie's 5R's framework which helps develop our graduates to be:

1. Resilient
2. Reflexive in their teaching practice
3. Responsive to children, colleagues, parents, professionals and communities
4. Ready to learn, and
5. Research-engaged

In this unit you will learn using the 5Rs framework in the following ways:

RESILIENT	You will need to balance a long PEx with other unit assessments as well as life demands.
REFLEXIVE	You are required to reflect on practice and act on your insights during PEx, including evidence of this in your PEx documentation.
RESPONSIVE	You will need to respond to needs of students in various situations as well as the whole class in general during PEx.
READY TO LEARN	Constant reflection in and on practice means that you must be ready to learn from what you experience and apply that new insight.
RESEARCH-ENGAGED	You will need to use current research to inform decisions and practice relating to student behaviour and learning.