



School of Education

EDST 5117

Professional Inquiry

Semester 1, 2018

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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
School of Education
EDST 5117 Professional Issues in First Year Teaching (6 units of credit)
Semester 1, 2018

2.

Student Learning Outcomes

Outcome

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| 1 | Identify and analyse the nature and scope of the multiple challenges facing teachers in their first year of professional practice |
| 2 | Identify practices that contribute positively to the professional trajectories of new teachers, including for example, mentoring, peer support, group problem-solving, collaborative planning, shared narratives, dialogue, and critical reflection |

- ◁ Opportunity to take advantage of a regular weekly drop-in time to talk individually with the lecturer(s)

The concept is to make this course as relevant as possible to your emerging needs by providing a framework for thinking about professional issues, whilst at the same time establishing collaborative communities for ongoing professional support and peer mentoring as a means of assisting you in working through the professional issues you confront in novice teaching.

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Week	Focal Topic
1 26 th February - 4 th March	Lecture /Workshops Introduction to the course Current Context Identifying professional issues in novice teaching. Resilience and well-being

Weeks 2

7. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Learning Outcomes Assessed	AITSL Standards	Due Date
Assignment 1: Self-study Part 1: A reflective narrative of ongoing issues focused on a particular aspect of, or issue in, professional practice, using the Reflective Thinking Tool as a scaffold/structure, and with links to the literature on reflective practices as appropriate and weekly guided discussion on a Moodle discussion forum	1000 words	35%			

Assignment 1: (1000 words)**Self-study Part 1: A reflective narrative**

Weighting: 35%

Due: 16th April 2018 5.00 PM

You are required to write a reflective narrative of ongoing issues focused on a particular aspect of, or issue in, professional practice, using the Reflective Thinking Tool as a scaffold / structure, and with links to the literature on reflective practices as appropriate and weekly guided discussion on a Moodle discussion forum. The Reflective Thinking Tool will be available as a resource on Moodle.

In crafting your response, you will need to consider:

- < Definition of the problem or issue
- < Contextual issues, underlying factors or other dilemmas framing the problem or issue
- < Relevant personal core qualities (beliefs, identities, ideals) that you can draw on – or may need to modify – to influence the situation
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8. RESOURCES

Readings Issues in first year teaching (see more readings on Moodle)

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- Watt, H. M. G., Richardson, P.W. (2014). Beginning teachers' motivations, effectiveness and wellbeing. In A.-L. Ostern, F. Vigmostad, & B. AS (Eds.), *NAFOL Year Book 2014: Once a teacher - always a teacher?*, (pp. 53-64). Norway: Norwegian National Graduate School for

Scholarly Journals:

Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice
 The Asia-Pacific Journal of Teacher Education
 Teacher Education Quarterly
 Teaching Education
 Teacher development in education

Readings Action Research and Action Learning:

Cohen, L., Manion, L., & Morrison, K. (2007). *Research methods in education* (6th ed.). London: Routledge Falmer.

Ellis, N.J & Loughland, T (2016) 'The challenges of practitioner research: A comparative study of Singapore and NSW', *Australian Journal of Teacher Education*, 41, 122 - 136, DOI: [andhttp://dx.doi.org/10.14221/ajte.2016v41n2.8](http://dx.doi.org/10.14221/ajte.2016v41n2.8)

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