Description: Professional Experience 2

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**Academic group:** FOEDU

**Academic org:** FOE004

**Student contribution band:** National Priority Teaching

**ASCED code:** 070101

**STAFFING**

Examiner: Karen Noble

Moderator: Alice Brown

**REQUISITES**

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BEEG and Students are required to be currently enrolled in or have completed the following courses: ECE3104 and ECE2108.

**OTHER REQUISITES**

State law in Queensland (Australia) requires that all adults working/undertaking professional experience/researching with children under the age of 18, in the state of Queensland are required to possess a current suitability card (Blue Card). (See "Other Requirements" for further information.)


**RATIONALE**

Learning environments in early childhood programs are a core element of the curriculum. Educators must be conscious of the impact of changes in the immediate human, physical and time environments and be aware of influences in the external socio-political and community context.

An understanding of the organisation and educational purpose of the child-responsive environment is foundational knowledge for early childhood educators, and is particularly significant in programs for very young children; atmosphere or climate exerts a marked influence on children's personal comfort, health and safety, interpersonal behaviour and their responsiveness to learning experiences.

An understanding of how child-centred curriculum decision making can be enacted in the early years of school, taking cognizance of schools' focus on curriculum document frameworks, is also essential. While guidelines and syllabus documents provide direction about what to teach, to construct curriculum effectively, early childhood teachers need to take in to account the knowledge, interests and experiences that each child brings into the early childhood classroom and be aware of their own prior knowledge and personal experience.
SYNOPSIS
This professional experience has two components. Each builds on the in depth study of curriculum design and pedagogy and the development of positive learning environments for young children. Together they cover the age range birth to eight years. The sequential organisation that allows students to move from a focus on educare programs for children under four years of age to consideration of effective and meaningful curriculum design and pedagogy for children in the early years of school (P-3). Emphasis will be placed on the development of integrated and holistic programs and assessment with a strong focus on incorporating early childhood philosophy and pedagogical approaches in the early years of school. It is acknowledged that effective learning environments for young children are characterised by flexibility and responsiveness to children and are planned in relation to a range of ecological and educational considerations. It is also imperative that the organisation of a learning environment, including not only physical issues but also time and interpersonal issues, is modified regularly in response to the current interests and progress of children and the needs of staff and parents. Students undertaking this course are required to complete 30 days of professional experience in an approved education setting.

OBJECTIVES
The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item(s) that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective are shown in parenthesis. On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. apply the tools of child study in an integrated way, to facilitate their understanding of the developmental needs of the whole child in the 0-8 age range (All assessment items)
2. plan, organise, create and modify responsive early childhood learning environments (All assessment items)
3. design and teach motivating, challenging and creative early learning programs (All assessment items)
4. develop and implement integrated curriculum programs utilising the P-3 curriculum documents (All assessment items)
5. critically reflect on their own professional development in teaching young children and working as a team member (All assessment items)
6. present all professional documentation in a correct form and with correct grammar, punctuation and spelling (All assessment items).

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

2005, GPE1002 Professional Experience booklet, USQ, Toowoomba.
REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES

1. Professional Experience Folder A is due immediately following Professional Experience A completion date. A value of 1 indicates you have passed the Professional Experience Folder A. Zero indicates you have not passed the Professional Experience Folder A.
2. Professional Experience A & B dates as per Professional Experience schedule. A value of 1 indicates you have passed the Professional Experience component. Zero indicates you have not passed the Professional Experience component.
3. See Note 2.
4. See Note 2. A value of 1 indicates you have passed the Professional Experience Folder B. Zero indicates you have not passed the Professional Experience Folder B. Professional Experience Folder B is due immediately following Professional Experience B completion date.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   Students must complete 30 days of Professional Experience to pass this course and as partial fulfilment of the Board of Teacher Registration/Department of Communities’ requirements for registration. Any day missed must be made up.
2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete Professional Experience satisfactorily, students must complete the required hours as organised by the Professional Experience Unit and obtain a satisfactory standard on the Professional Experience Summative Assessment Form thus gaining the 1 mark for Professional Experience. The Professional Experience Folders must receive Pass and must be presented in a professional manner with correct use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.
3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If assignments are submitted after the due date without an approved extension of time, University penalties may be applied.
4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must complete and submit all assessment items
   and demonstrate that they have achieved the minimum standards in relation to the objectives
   of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the Professional Experience; and (ii)
   satisfactorily completing the Professional Experience Folders. Results for this course will
   not be released until Professional Experience has been successfully completed, the Folders
   assessed and all documentation processed.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for
   a passing grade as in 4 above, will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given
   either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.

6 Examination information:
   There is no examination for this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary Examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
   Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene
   University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
   http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
   Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of the Folders submitted for
   assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt
   of a request being made.

2 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment
   to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested
   by the Examiner.

3 In accordance with University Policy, the Examiner may grant an extension of the due
   date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed
   on paper-based media. The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by
   facsimile. Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise
   disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should
   contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

5 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area,
   such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are
   to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's
   convenience.

6 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable
   to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply
   to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate
   supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS
   (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB
   (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 IMPORTANT NOTE: Working with Children: State law in Queensland requires that all adults (including university students, pre-service educators, trainers, vocational teachers, industry educators) working with children under the age of 18, in the State of Queensland*, obtain approval before commencing such work. Many education courses include a practical component (professional experience, project work, research, assessment etc.) that may require engagement with children under the age of 18. It is your responsibility to ensure that you possess a current suitability card (Blue Card) before commencing any practical components of this course. DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 UNLESS YOU POSSESS A CURRENT 'BLUE CARD'. For further information: http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/informationSheets.html *If you are undertaking practical experience outside the State of Queensland, Australia you should check local requirements.