



# Learning For Teaching Module

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the key dates for the Learning for Teaching Module?

Date	Action
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022, 5.30-6.30pm	Introductory Lecture (Streatham) Need to either attend or watch online by 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School or virtual placement form and DBS information sent to students
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Deadline to watch Introductory Lecture online (if did not attend in person)
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	Deadline for completing placement decision form and returning to Office
20 <sup>th</sup> June – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Optional schools placement week
27 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Optional schools placement week
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Deadline for returning school placement form to Office (or will be moved to virtual placement)
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Optional schools placement week
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Optional schools placement week
Term 1, Autumn 2022	Complete virtual placement using materials on ELE Contribute to the online discussion forum Compile portfolio
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Optional schools placement week
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Optional schools placement week
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022	Optional schools placement week (This is welcome week, so please ensure this doesn't conflict with other commitments)
Term 2, Spring 2023	11 lectures and seminars (2 hours / week, dates and times tbc.)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Deadline for Formative Assignment
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	Deadline for Summative Assignment (Portfolio and Assignment)

**Please be aware that if you are hoping to undertake your placement in June - July, you are advised to complete your DBS application ASAP.**

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### 1. How many hours of placement do I need to do?

EDU2016 (L5) - 15 credits – 25 Hours  
EDU2017 (L5) - 30 credits – 50 Hours  
EDU3013 (L6) - 15 credits – 25 Hours  
EDU3014 (L6) - 30 credits – 50 Hours

You can choose to undertake either a face to face placement in a school, or the virtual placement which uses video resources and online materials. For the virtual placement, you won't be linked to a particular school.

### 2. What are the dates that I can undertake “virtual placement”?

The “virtual placement” materials will be available on ELE. It is up to you how you organise your work during Term 1, as all of the learning is asynchronous. Some students might decide to have a “placement week” and complete the materials in a focused, shorter period; others might decide to spread the placement activities over the term. Students from this year's cohort have valued this flexibility.

### 3. How many days of school placement do I need to do?

You have the opportunity to complete a face-to-face school placement instead of a ‘virtual’ placement.

EDU2016 (L5) -15 credits – 5 days  
EDU2017 (L5) - 30 credits – 10 days  
EDU3013 (L6) - 15 credits – 5 days  
EDU3014 (L6) - 30 credits – 10 days

### 4. What are the dates that I can undertake my school placement?

Please check these carefully.

- 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> June-1<sup>st</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

### 5. Do I arrange my own placement?

Yes. We will advise you about how to do this.

### 6. Can I arrange my own placements in/near Exeter?

Yes.

### 7. Can I use this module to retrospectively accredit prior school experience, which I have independently arranged?

No.

### 8. Will the university pay travel expenses?

No.

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**9. Can I arrange my placement at a school that I used to attend, or where friends/relatives attend/teach**

Yes. That said, you might learn more in a school that you have NOT attended, and this would allow you to contrast your placement school with school(s) you already know. The decision is for you to make, and some students do find it easier to get a placement in a school that already knows them.

**10. Can I arrange a placement in an Independent School?**

We recommend that you arrange a placement in a state funded school. The experience will strengthen an application for a teacher-training course. However, some students may want to spend time in an Independent School, for example if they already have lots of state school experience. You can arrange an Independent school, but we would generally recommend state schools.

**11. Can I undertake a placement outside of the UK?**

No. If you are an international student we can advise you on obtaining a UK placement

**12. I am doing the 30 credit module and I would like to do a week in primary and a week in secondary, is this possible?**

Yes, and it's a good idea to try both if you're uncertain about which you would prefer

**13. Does a Learning for Teaching module provide a teaching qualification?**

No, but it can be helpful in securing a place on a post graduate teacher training course

**14. What do I do if I am unable to attend my placement due to illness/family emergency?**

If this happens prior to the placement, please notify your placement school and contact [learningforteaching@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:learningforteaching@exeter.ac.uk) for advice on how to complete your placement days.

If this happens during your placement, please notify your placement school immediately, and the Graduate School of Education Office: [ed-absence@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:ed-absence@exeter.ac.uk) or 01392 724837; then contact [learningforteaching@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:learningforteaching@exeter.ac.uk) for advice on how to complete your placement days.

**15. I need further assistance completing my DBS form**

If you need additional help completing your DBS application, please contact [Vicki Bennett](#).

**16. Will the university pay the DBS Fee?**

Yes, we will pay the basic fee, but not for the updating service. If you expect to undertake other work or voluntary work with young or vulnerable people over the next few years, you might find it worthwhile to pay for the updating service yourself. This currently costs £13 / year, but you must apply for the first year within 14 days of your certificate issue date. See [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/246445/Applicant\\_guide\\_v3.6\\_04.10.13.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/246445/Applicant_guide_v3.6_04.10.13.pdf) for more details.

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### 17. I have had a DBS check recently, can I use that?

No, you must have a new one so that it is verified by the University.

The exceptions are:

- if you have already had a DBS check through the university,
- or have already paid for the DBS Update Service when you had a DBS check NOT through the university, then please inform us, as you may not need another form.

### 18. Are there any special requirements for International Students, or UK students who have lived abroad, wishing to take a Learning for Teaching module?

Only one, which is that you will need a UK DBS declaration **AND** an equivalent Police Check from your country of residence: the DBS office can advise you about this.

### 19. What assignments do the modules involve?

FORMATIVE ASSIGNMENT: 1st March 2023	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
Reflection on placement	500 nominal	1000 nominal
Essay - Critical reflection, informed by scholarly and professional literature, on incident(s) or aspect(s) of teaching arising from school placement	1,000	2,000

SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT: 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023 Summative work may draw on some content from formative	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
Portfolio and reflection on your placement (10% of final mark)	N/A	N/A
Essay - Critical reflection, informed by scholarly and professional literature, on incident(s) or aspect(s) of teaching arising from school placement.	2,500	5,000
Your personal development plan (max. 10% of total word count)		

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