

Learning For Teaching Module

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Date	Action
Wednesday 17 th May 2023, 4.30-5.30pm	Introductory Lecture (Streatham) Need to either attend or watch online by 25 th May
Thursday 18 th May 2023	School/Tutoring or virtual placement form and DBS information sent to students
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Deadline to watch Introductory Lecture online (if did not attend in person)
31 st May 2023	Deadline for completing placement decision form and returning to Office
19 th June – 23 rd June 2023	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
26 th June – 30 th June 2023	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
30 th June 2023	Deadline for returning school placement form to Office and completing DBS forms (or will be moved to online placement)
3 rd July– 7 th July 2023	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
10 th July – 14 th July 2023	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
Term 1, Autumn 2023	Complete online placement using materials on ELE
4 th - 8 th September 2023	Optional schools placement week for self-arranged placement
11 th – 15 th September 2023	Optional schools placement week for self-arranged placement
18 th – 22 nd September 2023	Optional schools placement week for self-arranged placement (This is welcome week, so please ensure this doesn't conflict with other commitments)
27 th September – 29 th November	Placement every Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 5pm for students who have chosen the tutoring placement – half term dates tbc
Term 2, Spring 2024	11 lectures and seminars (2 hours / week, dates and times tbc.)
Thursday 1 st February 2024	Deadline for Summative Assignment (portfolio)
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Deadline for Formative Assignment
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Deadline for Summative Assignment (Essay)

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

1. What are the placement options?

There are three placement options:

- You can choose to undertake either a tutoring placement in an Exeter or Penryn school. This takes place every Wednesday afternoon in term one. Please note, this placement is only available to students on 30 credit modules (EDU2017 and EDU3014).
- A self-arranged, face to face placement in a school of your choice. This can be near home or in Exeter. The dates for this option are above and the placement can begin as early as June 23.
- An online placement which uses video resources and online materials. For the virtual placement you won't be linked to a particular school and you are free to engage with the materials at a time that suits you during term one.

2. 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

3. What are the dates for the tutoring placement?

Every Wednesday afternoon in term one at a school near the University in Penryn or Exeter. If you choose this placement type we will allocate you to a school.

4. What are the dates that I can undertake a face-to-face self-arranged placement?

- 19th – 23rd June, 26th – 30th June, 3rd – 7th July, 10th-14th July 2023.
- 4th – 8th September, 11th-15th September, 18th-22nd September 2023.

5. When does the online placement take place?

The materials for the online placement are released at the beginning of term one. They are asynchronous and you can engage with them at a time that works for you during term one.

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

No.

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7. Will the university pay travel expenses?

No.

8. Can I arrange a self-arranged face to face 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.

9. Can I arrange a face to face self arranged 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.

10. 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

11. I am doing the 30 credit module and I would like to do my face-to-face self-arranged as 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

12. 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

13. 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 for advice on how to complete your placement days.

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

14. I need further assistance completing my DBS form

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

15. 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_guid_e_v3.6_04.10.13.pdf for more details.

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16. 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.

17. 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.

18. What assignments do the modules involve?

FORMATIVE ASSIGNMENT: 29 th February 2024	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
Essay	1,000	2,000

SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT: 1 st February and 1 st May 2024 Summative work may draw on some content from formative	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
1 st February - Portfolio (10% of final mark)	N/A	N/A
1 st May - Essay (90% of final mark)	2,500	5,000

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