



Learning For Teaching Modules

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Date	Action
Tuesday 13 th May 2025, 4.30-5.30pm	Introductory Lecture (Streatham Court C) Need to either attend or watch online by 22nd May
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	School/Virtual placement form and DBS information sent to students
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Deadline to watch Introductory Lecture online (if did not attend in person)
Friday 30 th May 2025	Deadline for completing placement decision form and returning to Office
16 th June – 20 th June 2025	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
23 rd June – 27 th June 2025	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
27 th June 2025	Deadline for returning school placement form to Office and completing DBS forms (or will be moved to online placement)
30 th June - 4 th July 2025	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
7 th July – 11 th July 2025	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
14 th July – 18 th July 2025	Optional schools placement week for self arranged face to face placement
Term 1, Autumn 2025	Complete online placement using materials on ELE
8 th – 12 th September 2025	Optional schools placement week for self-arranged placement
15 th – 19 th September 2025	Optional schools placement week for self-arranged placement
24 th September – 26 th November 2025	Placement every Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 5pm for students who have chosen the tutoring placement – half term dates tbc
Term 2, Spring 2026	11 lectures and seminars (2 hours / week, dates and times tbc.)
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Deadline for Summative Assignment (portfolio)
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Deadline for Formative Assignment
Wednesday 30 th April 2026	Deadline for Summative Assignment (Essay)

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



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1. What are the placement options?

There are three placement options:

- Power of Reading primary placement in an Exeter school. This takes place every Wednesday afternoon in term one. Please note, if you are enrolled on a 30 credit module, you will also need to do either one week of a self-arranged face to face placement or one week of the online placement.
- A self-arranged, face to face placement in a school of your choice. This can be near home, in Exeter or anywhere in the UK. The dates for this option are above and the placement can begin as early as June 2025. Students on a 15 credit module complete 1 week in school. Students on a 30 credit module complete two weeks. If you are completing a 2 week placement you can choose just one setting, or two different settings. Some students decide to complete 1 week in primary and 1 in a secondary setting. It is also possible to complete this placement in a nursery or Further Education (college) setting.
- 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. This option is very popular with undergraduate students as it provides a lot of flexibility and allows students to balance a placement with paid work or sporting commitments.

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 primary reading placement?

Every Wednesday afternoon in term one at a school near the University in 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?

- 16th – 20th June 2025, 23rd – 27th June 2025, 30th June – 4th July 2025, 7th – 11th July 2025, 14th – 18th July 2025
- 8th - 12th September 2025, 15th - 19th September 2025

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.



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

No.

- 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 admissionsdbs@exeter.ac.uk

- 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

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https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/246445/Applicant_guide_v3.6_04.10.13.pdf for more details.

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: 25 th February 2026	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
25 th February - Essay	1,000	2,000

SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT: 29 th January and 30 th April 2026 Summative work may draw on some content from formative	WORD LIMIT	
	EDU2016 EDU3013	EDU2017 EDU3014
29 th January - Portfolio (10% of final mark)	N/A	N/A
30 th April - Essay (90% of final mark)	2,000	4,000

The Learning for Teaching modules are assessed by coursework and don't have any exams

If you have any questions, please contact us via learningforteaching@exeter.ac.uk