



EDSP324 Professional Experience 3 (20 days) Overview

The following requirements are for the teacher education student and their supervisor. As the placement progresses, the supervisor will determine the requirements for the teacher education student from these guidelines. The supervising teacher will collaborate with the teacher education student to assist them in attaining skills based on the specific criteria for their current level of teacher training.

This is the third professional experience placement in the in this degree and follows the preparatory online professional experience unit, and the second 20-day primary school, beginning placement (EDLT302). For this placement in a mainstream **primary school**, the teacher education student will be required to engage fully in the school experience as well as plan across the Key Learning Areas/subjects, relevant to the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)*, to the extent of the study they have completed thus far during their degree.

By Weeks Three and Four of the placement, the teaching load will build to a minimum of 12 hours per week.

When a teacher education student experiences periods of non-teaching, this time can be negotiated for activities such as: immersion into other classes to gain a perspective of whole-school teaching and learning; preparation; collection of data or resources; written reflection and self-evaluation; marking and assisting with classroom activities.

Advice for students undertaking a NESAs primary specialisation

BEEd K-12 students must have a focus on English in EDSP324.

Students who undertake a NESAs primary specialisation in *language* **must also teach that language in EDSP324.**

This means these students will undertake two focuses for this placement.

If students are undertaking a NESAs primary specialisation in *mathematics or science and technology*, they are expected to make the NESAs primary specialisation a focus of their professional experience in either EDLT302 or EDSP324. **They must also complete EDSP324 with a focus on primary English.**

EDSP324 Professional Experience 3 (20 days) at a glance – Weekly Guide

Week 1	<i>Classroom immersion focussing on building professional rapport with students, small-group and team-teaching, assisted planning and teaching of up to two (2) lessons per day by days four and five.</i>
Week 2	<i>Increasingly independent, formal planning and teaching of two (2) lessons each day building to whole sessions (e.g., morning, middle, afternoon).</i>
Week 3	<i>Mostly independent planning and teaching of up to 12 hours per week.</i>
Week 4	<i>Independent planning and teaching for a 12 hour teaching load, taking full responsibility for classroom organisation, students' learning and engagement.</i>

Fundamental Skills

Teacher education students across all UNE initial teacher education degrees must demonstrate a set of fundamental skills to indicate they possess the required aptitude for the teaching profession. This suite of skills has been derived from the Standard Descriptors in the [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#) and is considered to be fundamental to teaching. A teacher education student will strive to develop and move towards demonstrating all of these attributes before the completion of their teacher training. If a candidate cannot demonstrate one or more of the Fundamental Skills whilst undertaking a professional experience placement, they may be required to postpone their progression to the next level of teacher training until they have consolidated their skills:

- Demonstrates rapport with students and engages in activities to promote student learning (1.1.1, 2.4.1, 4.1.1)
- Presents and conducts themselves professionally and adheres to all school or setting administrative, legislative and/or organisational requirements (7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.3.1)
- Exhibits knowledge of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and their application to teaching (6.1.1)
- Constructively receives feedback by demonstrating resilience and responsiveness to suggested areas for improvement from the supervising teacher, school staff, UNE representative and/or other relevant participants (6.3.1)
- Attends required professional learning activities, staying back as required, and uses relevant professional learning when planning for student work or when engaging with students (6.2.1, 6.4.1)
- Shows respect for student and staff from different backgrounds and abilities, including the promotion of respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (1.1.1, 1.6.1, 2.4.1)

Specific Placement Requirements

In conjunction with the **Fundamental Skills**, EDSP324 (20 days) will facilitate opportunities for the teacher education student to integrate their knowledge of the [Standard Descriptors](#) specifically introduced at this point in their teacher training:

1.5.1 2.2.1 2.6.1 3.2.1 3.5.1 4.3.1 5.1.1

Teacher education students will consolidate their knowledge of the Standard Descriptors introduced in previous units of study:

1.2.1 1.3.1 2.1.1 2.3.1 2.4.1 2.5.1 3.1.1 3.3.1 3.4.1 4.2.1 4.4.1 4.5.1 5.2.1 6.3.1

Teacher education students are required to become familiar with each Descriptor prior to the placement and consolidate their knowledge of the ones learnt to date. To view the criteria for the EDSP324 (20 day) professional experience assessment, please refer to the Professional Experience Final Report for this unit.

The information presented in the Specific Placement Requirements for this unit include a suggested guide as well as mandated tasks, called 'PREXConnex tasks', described at the end of this document. Both suggested and mandated tasks relate to the teacher education student's current level of teacher training. Supervising teachers and teacher education students may negotiate an increased load as the candidate's confidence and skills develop throughout the placement.

Should you have any questions please contact the OPL through AskUNE or by phone on 02 6773 3898.

Prior to the placement

For handy hints about starting your placement, visit the Pre-Placement tile in the PREXUS.

The Teacher Education Student will:

Set up a meeting by phone, email or face-to-face to discuss with the supervisor how to best prepare for the scheduled placement* (e.g. what topics/units of work will be covered during the placement? What resources may be used? Are there any specific students' needs? What is the dress code for staff? What is the timetable for the week?)

- Complete and then discuss the Pre-Placement Goal Setting Sheet with the supervising teacher.
- Check the supervisor has received the email containing the professional experience documents.
- Update their Professional Experience Folder. In this placement they will continue to use this folder to gather resources such as hard copies of lesson plan examples, administrative letters, lesson plan/program templates, written reflections, lesson evaluation sheets, formal feedback and copies of student work samples (in line with Privacy laws).
- Negotiate a mutually suitable time with the supervising teacher for each of the three weeks, to participate in a **Progress Guide — Weekly Review** (for weeks one, two and three) and the **Post-Placement Goal Setting Sheet** (final week). It is essential that meetings takes place every week in order to provide both the teacher education student and the supervising teacher with a set time to discuss their progress to date. Should either of you have concerns, please remember to contact the OPL immediately. Written feedback from the **Progress Guide — Weekly Review** does **not** need to be submitted to the OPL unless concerns are raised regarding the placement. Concerns can be raised at any time throughout the placement using the **Progress Guide — Assistance Request Form**.

<p>WEEK 1</p> <p>Days 1 to 5 of the placement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarise themselves with the school’s code of conduct, motto and ethos. Read the school’s behaviour management policy and learn the school’s process for roll-marking. Teacher education student will meet with the teacher to see classroom etc. and will show their Professional Experience Folder from the previous placement. Introduce themselves to the teaching and office staff before or at the start of the placement. They will introduce themselves to the class in a friendly and positive manner, establishing their role as a teacher-in-training whose expectations for the students’ learning are the same as the supervising teacher’s. Endeavour to build a professional rapport with the students and learn their names as quickly as possible (through a game or engaging activity). In this first week the supervising teacher will guide the teacher education student in the initial planning of formal lesson plans and provide examples of their own programming where applicable. The supervising teacher may recommend this week’s lessons be based on existing programming. Where appropriate the teacher education student will create their own resources relating to the topics scheduled for teaching. Complete the mandated PREXConnex task: professional dialogue and plan for managing students with challenging behaviours (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document). Complete Weekly Review in collaboration with the supervising teacher, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task. <p>Suggested classroom activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom immersion, small-group and team-teaching activities increasing to taking responsibility for two lessons per day by days three to five <p>The supervising teacher will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this first week the supervising teacher will guide the teacher education student in the initial planning of formal lesson plans and provide examples of their own programming where applicable. The supervising teacher may recommend this week’s lessons be based on existing programming. Where appropriate the teacher education student will create their own resources relating to the topics scheduled for teaching. Facilitate the mandated PREXConnex task: professional dialogue and plan for managing students with challenging behaviours (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document). Complete Weekly Review in collaboration with the teacher education student, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task.
<p>WEEK 2</p> <p>Days 6 to 10 of the placement</p>	<p>The teacher education student will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Days one and two teach two (2) lessons each day (or equivalent) with an increasingly independent approach to planning and organisation of resources as the week progresses. On days three, four and five, build to teaching whole sessions each day (e.g. morning, middle or afternoon). Ensure lessons are well structured and logically sequenced in order for students to achieve realistic outcomes. Demonstrate the ability to spell accurately and use grammar correctly across all areas of teaching. Focus on effective classroom management through explicit communication and keen organisation along with quality preparation of lessons (and related resources). Explore a range of teaching strategies with clear learning goals and demonstrate the capacity to apply constructive feedback from the supervisor in order to improve teaching practice.

- Continue to participate in all the routines and activities of the school day.
- Share ideas with the supervisor and ask for their feedback. What worked well in the lesson and what will work better next time and why?
- The teacher education student may ask permission to try out some of their ideas where appropriate.
- Complete the mandated PREXConnex task: professional dialogue and plan for managing students with challenging behaviours (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document).
- Complete **Weekly Review** in collaboration with the supervising teacher, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task.

The supervising teacher will:

- Facilitate the mandated PREXConnex task: professional dialogue and plan for managing students with challenging behaviours (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document).
- Complete the **Weekly Review** in collaboration with the teacher education student, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task.

Day 10 of professional experience

At this stage of the placement, the supervising teacher should complete the Online Interim Report this would have been sent as a link to you after the Confirmation email. If you have not received this link please email opreports@une.edu.au. From this discuss the Interim Report with the teacher education student if there are any areas requiring attention in order to successfully proceed with the remainder of the placement.

Please use the Interim Report to alert the OPL of any concerns you may be having with the Teacher Education Student's performance so the OPL can provide additional assistance to yourself and the Teacher Education Student.

WEEK 3

Days 11 to 15 of the placement

The teacher education student will:

- Complete mostly independent planning, linking class activities to specific goals and learning outcomes aligned with the NSW or [Australian Curriculum](#).
- Teach up to 12 hours over the week and transitioning students between sessions (where appropriate)
- Seek constructive feedback and recommendations from the supervisor.
- Work to assist individual pupils and the whole class to meet learning outcomes whilst ensuring their well-being and safety at all times.
- Engage students in their learning by using a variety of resources including ICT.
- The teacher education student should continue writing reflections in the Professional Experience Folder about their progress to date.
- Complete the mandated PREXConnex tasks (Weeks 3 and/or 4): Engage in professional dialogue with an executive teacher about managing students with challenging behaviours; and, professional dialogue with supervising teacher (or another teacher) about developing curriculum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document).
- Complete Weekly Review, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task.

The supervising teacher will:

- Facilitate the teacher education student in undertaking the mandated PREXConnex tasks (Week 3 and/or 4): Engage in professional dialogue with an executive teacher about managing students with challenging behaviours; and, professional dialogue with supervising teacher (or another teacher) about developing curriculum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document).
- Ensure the teacher education student is teaching the required load and is taking increasing responsibility for the planning and resourcing of lessons.
- Complete the Weekly Review in collaboration with the teacher education student, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task.

<p>WEEK 4</p> <p>Days 16 to 20 of the placement</p>	<p>The teacher education student will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent planning and teaching of a minimum of 12 hours for the week. • In this final week of the placement the teacher education student will demonstrate an awareness of how to differentiate students' learning by adapting their planning to their specific needs. Consider the theories you have learnt to date, underpinning reasons why students learn differently. • An increasing command of content knowledge and related outcomes across subject areas should be evident at this stage of the professional experience. • Take full responsibility for lessons from start to finish with increasing skills in effective pacing and timing. • The teacher education student should check they have gathered as many resources as possible for their Professional Experience Folder to take with them after they have completed the placement. This folder is for personal use as part of their portfolios. • Complete the mandated PREXConnex tasks (Weeks 3 and/or 4): Engage in professional dialogue with an executive teacher about managing students with challenging behaviours; and, professional dialogue with supervising teacher (or another teacher) about developing curriculum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (see the PREXConnex task description at the end of this document). • Complete Weekly Review, including a discussion of the PREXConnex task. <p>The supervising teacher will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Weekly Review, including a discussion of the PrExConnex task, in collaboration with the teacher education student. • Complete Professional Experience Report.
<p>IMPORTANT</p> <p>Final day or days of the professional experience placement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Teacher Education Student will meet with the supervising teacher about their Professional Experience Report and discuss areas of strength or improvement they may need to address in future placements. Use the Pre-Post Goal Setting Form to document this meeting. • This Report would have been sent as a link to you after completing the Interim Report. If you have not received this link please email oplreports@une.edu.au • Professional Experience Report with the supervising teacher and ensure the Attendance Register has been attached (In-Service Placements do not require an Attendance Register). • The Professional Experience Report (Interim and Final Report) and must be completed by the final day of the professional experience placement. • It will then be made available to you and the Supervisor to download via InPlace both the Interim and Final Report.

PrExConnex tasks

As part of professional experience, teacher education students are asked to complete mandated tasks, called PrExConnex tasks. PrExConnex tasks complement the suggested specific requirements for this professional experience. They are designed to make explicit links between the theoretical knowledge and skills learned in units of study with practice during professional experience placement. The tasks are also building blocks towards the GTPA undertaken on the final professional experience.

The PrExConnex tasks for EDSP324 are undertaken by the teacher education student during weeks 1, 2, 3 and/or 4.

Notes or materials generated as part of PREXConnex tasks should be kept by the teacher education student and used as part of their professional portfolio.

PREXConnex task 1 – professional dialogue and planning for managing students with challenging behaviours (GTSDs 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 6.3.1). During weeks 1 and/or 2 of your EDSP324 professional experience you will:

Work with colleagues to develop and implement practical approaches to managing challenging behaviours in the classroom in a whole-school context.

1. Identify and review the school policy/policies related to behaviour management. Is there an overarching whole-school model in place? (e.g. Positive Behaviour for Learning)
2. Discuss the following questions with your supervising teacher:
 - How does the supervising teacher implement the school-wide approach in their class (primary) or classes (secondary)?
 - Which approaches to managing students with challenging behaviours work best with the students in the professional experience class/es?
3. Determine the approaches to managing challenging behaviour that you will take in the first two weeks of professional experience.
4. Review the effectiveness of your approach with your supervising teacher during your weekly reviews.

PREXConnex task 2 – professional dialogue about managing students with challenging behaviours (GTSDs 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 6.3.1). During weeks 3 and/or 4 of your EDSP324 professional experience you will:

Engage in professional dialogue with an executive teacher about managing students with challenging behaviours.

1. Discuss the following questions with an executive teacher (Stage coordinator, Deputy or Principal, or another teacher in the school if executive members are unavailable):
 - How was the school-wide approach to behaviour management and managing students with challenging behaviours developed? Staff/student/parent/community consultation? How and when is it reviewed?
 - To what extent are they effective? Why/Why not?
 - If they could change any aspect of them, what would that be and why?

PREXConnex task 3 – review of classroom and school environment curriculum (GTSD2.4.1). During weeks 3 and/or 4 of your EDSP324 professional experience you will:

Engage in professional dialogue with the supervising teacher or another teacher in the school.

1. Identify if there is a school-wide process or other activity or resource in place for developing curriculum that is relevant and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Islander students.
2. Ask the supervising teacher or colleague to share how they develop curriculum that is relevant and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and also share any programming that demonstrates relevance and inclusivity.

Reflect on what you have learned about the classroom and school environment curriculum, and the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students might see themselves reflected in their schooling.

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Progress Guide — Weekly Review (EDSP324)

This form is used to review the placement weekly, guide professional dialogue for the PREXConnex tasks, and to set goals for the following week.

Name of Teacher Education Student	
Name of Supervising Teacher	
Name of School, Centre or Agency	
Date of Review	

The **Progress Guide - Weekly Review** has been created to allow clarity between the supervising teacher and the teacher education student about how the placement has been progressing. **Each week, the teacher education student will require assessment on the Fundamental Skills as well as feedback on how some Graduate Descriptors would be better met. If any areas are marked 'no' in the Fundamental Skills Assessment, complete the Assistance Request Form and immediately email it to peo@une.edu.au for the OPL to contact you for further support.**

The **Progress Guide – Weekly Review** also includes a section to support discussion of PREXConnex observation tasks undertaken by the teacher education student.

Fundamental Skills Assessment of the Teacher Education Student	Yes	No
Demonstrates rapport with students and engages in activities to promote student learning (1.1.1, 2.4.1, 4.1.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presents and conducts themselves professionally and adheres to all school or setting administrative, legislative and/or organisational requirements (7.1.1, 7.2.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibits knowledge of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and their application to teaching (6.1.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constructively receives feedback by demonstrating resilience and responsiveness to suggested areas for improvement from the supervising teacher, school staff, UNE representative and/or other relevant participants (6.3.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attends required professional Learning activities, staying back as required, and uses relevant professional learning when planning for student work or when engaging with students (6.2.1, 6.4.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shows respect for student and staff from different backgrounds and abilities, including the promotion of respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (1.1.1, 1.6.1, 2.4.1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following section is for the supervising teacher to raise any concerns where a student is not yet demonstrating any of the Australian Professional Standards for Teaching at the required level of the teacher education student. If there are any issues of major concern, please complete the Progress Guide — Assistance Request Form and immediately email it to peo@une.edu.au for the OPL to contact you.

Supervising Teacher — Areas of the Standards that require addressing
Supervising Teacher – Negotiated Goals for addressing areas not yet being demonstrated



Supervising Teacher – Areas of the Australian Professional Standards that are being addressed successfully

The following section is for the teacher education student to demonstrate their ability to reflect on feedback and make goals for future classroom teaching.

Teacher Education Student Self-Reflection

The following section supports the PREXConnex task discussions that form part of the EDLT302 professional experience.

Teacher Education Student & Supervising Teacher — Areas for discussion in Weeks 1 and 2

Discuss with your supervising teacher the following (PREXConnex Task 1):

- How does the supervising teacher implement the school-wide approach in their class (primary) or classes (secondary)?
- Which approaches to managing students with challenging behaviours work best with the students in the professional experience class/es?

Determine the approaches to managing challenging behaviour that you will take in the first two weeks of professional experience.

Review the effectiveness of your approach with your supervising teacher during your weekly reviews.

Teacher Education Student & Supervising Teacher (or another teacher) — Areas for discussion in Weeks 3 or 4

Discuss how the supervising teacher how they develop curriculum that is relevant and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures (PREXConnex task 3):

1. Identify if there is a school-wide process or other activity or resource in place for developing curriculum that is relevant and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
2. Ask the supervising teacher or colleague to share how they develop curriculum that is relevant and inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and also share any programming that demonstrates relevance and inclusivity.

Reflect on what you have learned about the classroom and school environment curriculum, and the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students might see themselves reflected in their schooling.

You may be asked to email all *Progress Guide — Weekly Review* forms to peo@une.edu.au when a *Progress*

Teacher Education Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Supervising Teacher's Signature _____ Date: _____

Guide — Assistance Request Form is submitted. Please ensure accurate records are kept of these meetings. In this case, your prompt action in alerting us with your concerns is greatly appreciated.