



Module Descriptor

Title	Professional English and Maths		
Session	2025/26	Status	
Code	UGED08008	SCQF Level	8
Credit Points	20	ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)	10
School	Education and Social Sciences		
Module Co-ordinator	Y White		

Summary of Module

This module is a core element of level 8 of the B.A. Education Programme. The module will help to prepare students for their period of school experience, by exploring generic aspects of curriculum, pedagogy and assessment. Students will gain an understanding of the schools and learning communities they work in and their professional responsibilities as an educator.

Students will undertake a block placement in school.

Students will know and understand the content of the curriculum in relation to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, and the methods and underlying theories for effective teaching of these cross-curricular priorities. There will also be a focus on learning out-with the classroom.

A variety of strategies to support productive communication, encourage effective questioning, build relationships with learners, build community, and celebrate success will be explored. The importance of applying the school's specific policies will be emphasised.

Students will develop knowledge and understanding of the principles of assessment.

Students will be directed to read and analyse a range of appropriate educational and research literature. They will be encouraged to engage with wider reading independently. Students will be supported to use what they have learned to examine their personal attitudes, beliefs and professional practice.

- The module will support students towards meeting the GTCS Standard for Provisional Registration. Module inputs will link on-campus learning to specific professional actions. During placement, students will be expected to evidence impact of their professional knowledge, skills and attributes through focused observation and in-depth self-reflection. They will maintain a record of their professional learning and development within the Placement Observation of the Standards (POTS) and Reflection and Evaluation of the Standards (RETS) documentation. The module will support students towards meeting the GTCS Standard for Provisional Registration by working towards the following standards: Being

a Teacher in Scotland (1); Curriculum and Pedagogy (2.1); Professional Responsibilities (2.2); Curriculum and Pedagogy (3.1); The Learning Context (3.2); Professional Learning (3.3).

- In relation to learning for sustainability, students will engage in critical reflection and use enquiring/critical approaches. They will also explore inclusion and social justice. Placement opportunities will help students to develop action competence.
- Through participating in this placement module, students will develop UWS Graduate Attributes and will demonstrate, in particular, that they are critical thinkers, emotionally intelligent, incisive, ambitious and research-minded. At level 8, students should also demonstrate that they are creative.

Module Delivery Method	On-Campus ¹	Hybrid ²	Online ³	Work -Based Learning ⁴		
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Campuses for Module Delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayr <input type="checkbox"/> Dumfries	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanarkshire <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> Paisley	<input type="checkbox"/> Online / Distance Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 2 – Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 3 – Term 1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Gain and apply knowledge, skills and understanding in the main concepts and pedagogies underpinning effective teaching of Literacy/English and Numeracy/Mathematics.
L2	Exercise autonomy and initiative by planning, implementing and assessing individual lessons in the context of Literacy/English, Numeracy/Mathematics and IDL.
L3	Demonstrate awareness of own role, responsibilities and effectiveness when critically reflecting on teaching and learning.
L4	Work with a variety of professionals to progress understanding of current professional practice in teaching and learning.

¹ Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

² The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

³ Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

⁴ Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

L5	Apply knowledge, skills and understanding in the main concepts and pedagogies underpinning effective teaching of Health & Wellbeing and the Arts.
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Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	<p>SCQF 8</p> <p>Demonstrating knowledge of the defining features underpinning effective teaching and learning of Literacy/English and Numeracy/Mathematics within the primary curriculum.</p> <p>Understanding a range of core theories, concepts and principles.</p> <p>Understanding research and academic processes.</p>
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	<p>SCQF 8</p> <p>Using professional skills, techniques, practices and materials associated with effective teaching and learning of Literacy/English and Numeracy/Mathematics within the primary curriculum.</p> <p>Adapting routine practices within accepted standards.</p>
Generic Cognitive skills	<p>SCQF 8</p> <p>Undertaking critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of ideas, concepts, information and issues within the primary curriculum.</p> <p>Using a range of approaches to critically evaluate educational issues.</p>
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	<p>SCQF 8</p> <p>Using a wide range of specialist skills associated with effective teaching and learning of Literacy/English and Numeracy/Mathematics within the primary curriculum.</p> <p>Communicating effectively, using a variety of media including digital technologies, to promote positive relationships, and to support pupils and achieve the objectives of lessons.</p> <p>Communicating effectively with peers, children, staff and others in school.</p> <p>Engaging in professional dialogue with peers, university staff and school colleagues.</p>
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	<p>SCQF 8</p> <p>Exercising autonomy and initiative in professional activities, including planning and managing resources.</p> <p>Working effectively under guidance of qualified practitioners to understand current professional practice.</p> <p>Demonstrating an awareness of own and others' roles, responsibilities and contributions.</p> <p>Dealing with complex ethical and professional issues in accordance with the needs of schools and wider communities.</p>

Prerequisites	Module Code UGED07003	Module Title Situated Communication
	Other	
Co-requisites	Module Code	Module Title

Learning and Teaching

In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.

In all modules on the BA Education programme, we take an authentic, best-practice and forward-looking approach to learning activities and assessment. There is a strong emphasis on situated learning and real professional scenarios. We are committed to interactive learning and the small number of learning activities that are purely transmission of information are normally pre-recorded. In workshops, which utilise classrooms, and other facilities as appropriate, the outdoors and the Aula VLE, main methodologies include collaborative working, problem-based learning, real-world tasks, research based learning, enquiry-based learning, micro teaching, student presentations, experiments, games and placement-based learning. All learning activities are aligned to relevant aspects of the professional standards. Individual, group or tutor-led reflection is required throughout. Learning activities develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, digital skills, creativity and critical thinking. Learning activities and feedback, where appropriate, provide students with choice, such as group number and membership, negotiation of submission and evidencing learning through various products.

Learning Activities

During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:

Student Learning Hours

(Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)

Laboratory / Practical Demonstration / Workshop

48

Personal Development Plan

20

Independent Study

32

Practice-based Learning

100

n/a

n/a

TOTAL

200

Indicative Resources

The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes:

Dearsbury, J. and Jones, J. (2020) *The Playful Classroom*. New York: Jossey-Bass.

Hattie, J. and Clarke, S. (2019) *Visible Learning Feedback*. London: Routledge

Sobel, D. and Alston, S. (2021) *The Inclusive Classroom: A New Approach to Differentiation*. London: Bloomsbury.

(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements

In line with the [Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure](#), Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time.

For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:

In accordance with module and programme handbooks, any student whose attendance has fallen below the 75% minimum requirement for a module could be withdrawn from and given a re-attend decision for that module. To assure placement partners that students are appropriately prepared to undertake periods of school experience, unsatisfactory attendance across academic modules may prevent progress to placement, or result in withdrawal from the programme, as a student would be deemed not to have met the professional requirements of the programme as accredited by the GTCS.

UWS Regulations, Chapter 1, 1.64 – 1.67 also applies to periods of school experience and it should be noted that any student whose attendance has fallen below the 80% minimum requirement may be deemed not to have met the professional requirements of the programme as accredited by the GTCS and, therefore, may not be eligible for assessment on that placement. The required school experience placement would normally be completed in term 3 of the academic session.

Equality and Diversity

The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: [UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code](#).

Aligned with the overall commitment to equality and diversity stated in the Programme Specifications, the module supports equality of opportunity for students from all backgrounds and with different learning needs. Using the VLE, learning materials will be presented electronically in formats that allow flexible access and manipulation of content.

The module complies with University regulations and guidance on inclusive learning and teaching practice. Specialist assistive equipment, support provision and adjustment to assessment practice will be made in accordance with UWS policy and regulations.

Student teachers are encouraged to reflect on their developing understanding of aspects relating to equality and diversity and to consider how this helps them to work towards meeting the Standard for Provisional Registration (GTCS, 2021), of which demonstrating commitment to social justice and inclusion is a significant part.

Through studying this module, student teachers will:

- commit to social justice through fair, transparent, inclusive, and sustainable policies and practices in relation to protected characteristics, (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation) and intersectionality
- consider pastoral and legal responsibilities, for example, in relation to equality, diversity, additional support needs, child protection, and wellbeing

Component 2							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
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Component 3							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
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Combined total for all components						100%	hours

Change Control

What	When	Who
Transfer to new template	Feb 25	Y White