



School of Education

EDST 5117 Professional Inquiry

Term 1 2021

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IMPORTANT:

For student policies and procedures relating to assessment, attendance and student support, please see website,

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture
School of Education
EDST 5117 Professional Inquiry (6 units of credit)
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2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

Course Coordinator:

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome		Assessment/s
1	Identify and analyse the nature and scope of the multiple challenges facing teachers in their area of specialisation in the first year of professional practice	1,2,3
2	Identify practices that contribute positively to the professional trajectories of new teachers, including for example, mentoring, peer support, group problem-solving, collaborative planning, shared narratives, dialogue, and critical reflection	1,2,3
3	Implement strategies for addressing particular issues arising in the first years of professional practice by completing a professional Action	

Ginns, I., Heirdsfield, A., Atweh, B., & Watters, J. (2001). Beginning teachers becoming professionals through action research. *Educational Action Research Journal*, 9(1), 109-131.

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8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	Australian Professional Standards Assessed	National Priority Area Elaborations Assessed	Due Date
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Assessment 1: A reflective narrative (1000 words)

You are required to write a reflective narrative of ongoing issues focused on a particular aspect of, or issue in, professional practice in your area of specialisation, using the Reflective Thinking Tool as a scaffold / structure, and with links to the literature on reflective practices as appropriate and weekly guided discussion on a Moodle discussion forum. The Reflective Thinking Tool will be available as a resource on Moodle.

In crafting your response, you will need to consider:

- Definition of the problem or issue

- Contextual issues, underlying factors or other dilemmas framing the problem or issue

- Relevant personal core qualities (beliefs, identities, ideals) and disciplinary content

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Student Name:

Student No.:

Assessment Task 1: **A reflective narrative**

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<p>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‡ Detailed record of reflective activities focused on a particular aspect/s or issue relevant to the professional practice of the novice teacher in their area of specialisation 					

Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task

- ‡ Use of critical reflection for analysis and evaluation;
- ‡ Evidence of developing ability to make insightful connections between reflection on practice, research findings, and ongoing development as a

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