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EDST5145

Mentoring Practicum

Semester 2

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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 and Social Sciences  
School of Education  
EDST 5145 Mentoring Practicum (6 units of credit)  
Semester 2, 2016

## 2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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## 3. COURSE DETAILS

<b>Course Name</b>	Mentoring Practicum
<b>Credit Points</b>	6 units of credit (uoc)
<b>Workload</b>	Includes 150 hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.
<b>Schedule</b>	Online Moodle activities

### Summary of Course

The focus of this course is on the practice of mentoring.

### Aims of the Course

This course will enable students to develop the practical skills and theoretical awareness of mentoring best practice. The course involves an audit of current mentoring practices that leads to the theoretical and practical development of participants' mentoring skills. Participants will learn through critical reflection on the mentoring artefacts they generate in their practice.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Outcomes		Assessment(s)
1	Apply the knowledge and skills necessary for effective mentoring in schools	1,2,3
2	Demonstrate their ability to critically reflect on their own experience of mentoring in schools	1,2, 3
3	Demonstrate their ability to compile an annotated portfolio of their mentoring practice using relevant concepts from the literature	1,2,3

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking selected activities and knowledge content. These attributes will be assessed within the prescribed assessment tasks:

Standard		Assessment (s)
1	<b>Advanced disciplinary knowledge and practices</b> Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the field of education as it relates to their specialist area of study, and the ability to synthesize and apply disciplinary principles and practices to new or complex environments.	1,2,3
2	<b>Enquiry-based learning</b> Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of research-based learning and the ability to plan, analyse, present implement and evaluate complex activities that contribute to advanced professional practice and/or intellectual scholarship in education.	1,2,3
3	<b>Cognitive skills and critical thinking</b> Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and problem solving skills	1,3
4	<b>Communication, adaptive and interactional skills</b> Communicate effectively to a range of audiences, and be capable of independent and collaborative enquiry and team-based leadership	2
5	<b>Global outlook</b> Demonstrate an understanding of international perspectives relevant to the educational field	1,3
6	<b>Ethics</b> Demonstrate an advanced capacity to recognise and negotiate the complex and often contested values and ethical practices that underlie education	1,2,3

## 4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

This course enables students to develop the practical skills and theoretical awareness of mentoring best practice. Participants' mentoring practice is at the centre of the learning progression and is supported through weekly Moodle activities that promote critical reflection.

## 5. TEACHING STRATEGIES

This course will be taught wholly online with a strong emphasis on student participation. Students will be provided with online material and references to research journals which they will be expected to read. Students will have the opportunity of sharing their mentoring artifacts with each other in an online discussion group.

## 6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Week Beginning	Moodle Topic
1	Audit of existing mentoring practice against the National Professional Standards for Teachers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
2	Generating Evidence Sets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
3	Mentoring Inside and Outside the Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Schwille, S. A. (2008). The professional practice of mentoring. <i>American Journal of Education</i>, 115(1), 139-167</li> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
4	Next steps for them and you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
5	Mentoring Conversation that empower mentees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> <li>Read Timperley, H. (2001). Mentoring conversations designed to promote student teacher learning. <i>Asia-Pacific Journal of Teacher Education</i>, 29(2), 111-123. doi: 10.1080/13598660123812</li> </ul>
6	<b>Assessment Task One Due</b>
7	Devising an action plan for your next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
8	Using SOLO to represent your mentoring practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read SOLO taxonomy at <a href="http://pamhook.com/solo-taxonomy/">http://pamhook.com/solo-taxonomy/</a></li> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
9	Looking at student outcomes with your mentee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Timperley, H. S., Parr, J. M., &amp; Bertanees, C. (2009). Promoting professional inquiry for improved outcomes for students in New Zealand. <i>Professional Development in Education</i>, 35(2), 227-245. doi: 10.1080/13674580802550094</li> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
<b>Mid-Semester Break</b>	
10	Looking at student work with your mentee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Langer, G., &amp; Colton, A. (2005). Looking at student work. <i>Educational Leadership</i>, February 2005, 22-26.</li> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
11	Draft writing task of one evidence set posted online for formative assessment
12	Next steps: clinical reasoning in mentoring conversations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Kriewaldt, J., &amp; Turnidge, D. (2013). Conceptualising an approach to clinical reasoning in the education profession. <i>Australian Journal of Teacher Education</i>, 38(6). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.14221/ajte.2013v38n6.9">http://dx.doi.org/10.14221/ajte.2013v38n6.9</a></li> <li>Complete Moodle Activities</li> </ul>
13	<b>Assessment Task Two Due</b>

## 7. RESOURCES

### Recommended Reading

Biggs, J. B., & Collis, K. F. (1982). *Evaluating the quality of learning: the SOLO taxonomy (structure of the observed learning outcome)*. New York: Academic Press.

Education Services Australia. (2011). *National professional standards for teachers*. Sydney: Australia Institute of Teachers.

Hudson, P. (2013) Strategies for mentoring pedagogical knowledge. *Teachers and Teaching*, 19(4), 363-381. doi: 10.1080/13540602.2013.770226

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### e-learning Moodle

This course uses *Moodle* as its learning environment. The following information will be available on the Course e-learning website:

- The course outline;
- Suggested references and readings;
- Assessment details;
- Discussion forum;
- Electronic submission box.

Please log into Moodle through: <http://elearning.unsw.edu.au>

If you have problems accessing Moodle, please contact the Support Help Desk on 9385-1333.

## 8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment component	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	Program Learning Outcomes Assessed	Date due
Assessment task 1 – Annotated Portfolio	2000-2500 words	40%	1,2,3	1,2,3,5,6	2.9.16
Assessment task 2 – Mentoring Report	3000-3500 words	60%	1,2,3	2,3,5,6	4.11.16

*Students are required to follow their lecturer's instructions when submitting their work for assessment. All assessment will be submitted online via Moodle by 5pm. Student no longer need to use a cover sheet. Students are also required to keep all drafts, original data and other evidence of the authenticity of the work for at least one year after examination. If an assessment is mislaid the student is responsible for providing a further copy. Please see the Student Policies and Procedures for information regarding submission, extensions, special consideration, late penalties and hurdle requirements etc.*

## **Assessment Task 1: Annotated Portfolio**

### **Details**

1. Generate two evidence sets of your mentoring practice that demonstrate mentoring at the planning, teaching and assessment stages of the teaching-learning cycle, e.g., you may have an annotated lesson plan or unit of work, an observation feedback sheet and annotated work samples as one evidence set.
2. Annotate these evidence sets using the appropriate professional standards for your own mentoring practice. Be sure to include the next steps that you would take in the mentoring process.

## **Assessment Task 2: Mentoring Report**

### **Details**

1. Use the next steps from assessment task one to conduct further mentoring.
2. Generate two evidence sets of your mentoring practice that demonstrate mentoring at the planning, teaching and assessment stages of the teaching-learning cycle, e.g. you may have an annotated lesson plan or unit of work, an observation feedback sheet and annotated work samples as one evidence set.
3. Annotate these evidence sets using the appropriate professional standards for your own mentoring practice. Be sure to include the next steps that you would take in the mentoring process.
4. Write a report of your mentoring that relates the annotated evidence sets to the relevant literature. Include your goals for your next cycle of mentoring that you have created as a result of your analysis here.

### **Feedback**

<b>Assessment Task</b>	<b>Feedback Mechanism</b>	<b>Feedback Date</b>
Task 1	Written	Three weeks after submission
Task 2	Written	Three weeks after submission

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 FEEDBACK SHEET  
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Student Name:

Student No:

Assessment Task 1 – Annotated Portfolio

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) $\longleftarrow$ $\longrightarrow$ (+)				
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses the question/issue</li> <li>• Understanding of the question/issue</li> <li>• Understanding of relationship to relevant theory, research and practice</li> <li>• Information presented is relevant</li> <li>• Understanding of the complexities and interrelationships involved</li> </ul>					
<b>Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth of analysis</li> <li>• Well-reasoned arguments</li> <li>• Sound analysis of problem</li> </ul>					
<b>Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate research references to support responses</li> <li>• Sound range of research references</li> </ul>					
<b>Structure and organisation of the response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate nature of structural organisation</li> <li>• Logical and coherent structure</li> <li>• Clear presentation of ideas to enhance readability</li> </ul>					
<b>Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APA style for citations and references &amp; complete reference list</li> <li>• Clarity and appropriateness of language style</li> </ul>					
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>					

**Lecturer**

**Tony Loughland**

**Date**

**Recommended:**

**/20 (FL PS CR DN HD)**

**Weighting:**

**40%**

NB: The ticks in the various boxes are designed to provide feedback to students; they are not given equal weight in determining the recommended grade. Depending on the nature of the assessment task, lecturers may also contextualize and/or amend these specific criteria. **The recommended grade is tentative only, subject to standardisation processes and approval by the School of Education Learning and Teaching Committee.**



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Student Name:

Student No:

Assessment Task 2 – Mentoring report

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) $\longrightarrow$ (+)				
<b>Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses the question/issue</li> <li>• Understanding of the question/issue</li> <li>• Understanding of relationship to relevant theory, research and practice</li> <li>• Information presented is relevant</li> <li>• Understanding of the complexities and interrelationships involved</li> </ul>					
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**Lecturer**

**Tony Loughland**

**Date**

**Recommended:**

**/20 (FL PS CR DN HD)**

**Weighting:**

**60%**

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