



Four Year B.Ed. and B.Ed. & Psychology

In the B. Ed and B.Ed in Education and Psychology programmes, *school placement* occurs over four years and positions the classroom and school as places to learn *to* teach and to learn *about* teaching. Students complete one School Placement in schools in Year 1, in the spring semester, having undertaken a College-based placement preparation module in the Autumn semester. Students will not be in schools in the Autumn semester and the Spring semester placement runs for fifteen day including a **two-week block**.

Professional Placement Year 1, 2019/2020

Autumn Semester

Year 1 Professional Placement 1 – Preparing for Placements

- College based (pass/fail)
- Lectures address protocols for classroom observations, professionalism on placement, engaging with school and college personnel while on placement and reflective practice

Spring Semester

Professional Placement 2 - Middle classes

Professional Placement 2: February/March 2020

Students are gradually introduced to whole class teaching on Placement 2. Three Mondays are for observing/assisting and students begin to teach on the final two Mondays and throughout the two-week block.

- Monday Jan. 27th Briefing in Lime Tree Theatre
- **Mondays - Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th** and **Two Week Block** March 2nd – 13th
- Partnered placement
- Students observe/assist on the first three Mondays
- It is the students' **first teaching placement (1st - 4th class)**
- Students teach a range of curriculum areas
- Students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of relevant personal and professional attributes throughout the placement
- Assessed by students' tutor on **Pass/Fail** basis
- Co-operating teachers provide non-evaluative constructive guidance to students
- Students mentored and assessed by College tutors

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