

Programme Specification

Section 1: Basic Data

Awarding institution/body	University of the West of England
Teaching institution	University of the West of England and partner placements (colleges and other relevant educational establishments)
Faculty responsible for programme	Social Sciences and Humanities
Programme accredited by	University of the West of England
Highest award title	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Post-compulsory Education and Training) This programme acts as an alternative to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Post-compulsory Education and Training) for those students who choose not to undertake the Masters version. Direct entry onto this course is not permitted
Default award title	None
Interim award title	None
Modular Scheme title (if different)	Initial Teacher Education Non-modular
UCAS code (or other coding system if relevant)	
Relevant QAA subject benchmarking group(s)	Education Studies
On-going/valid until* (*delete as appropriate/insert end date)	
Valid from (insert date if appropriate)	March 2010

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For coding purposes, a numerical sequence (1, 2, 3 etc.) should be used for successive programme specifications where 2 replaces 1, and where there are no concurrent specifications. A sequential decimal numbering (1.1; 1.2, 2.1; 2.2 etc) should be used where there are different and concurrent programme specifications

Section 2: Educational aims of the programme

This full-time Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Post-compulsory Education and Training) programme aims to provide trainees with opportunities to develop and eventually demonstrate their competence in the *New Overarching Professional Standards for Teachers, Tutors and Trainers in the Lifelong Learning Sector* as set out by the Secretary of State via the sector specific council Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK, 2007). These standards relate to six domains: *Professional Values and Practice, Planning for Learning, Specialist Learning and Teaching, Learning and Teaching, Assessment of Learning and Access and Progression*. University teacher education programmes relating to the Standards are expected to draw directly upon a series of 'core and option units' developed by LLUK, which expand the Standards. The programme is designed and delivered through a partnership between the University and professional placement institutions. Trainees graduating from the programme will be prepared not only to teach their subject at the required level, but also be able to work effectively and creatively with colleagues from the wider workforce in inter-professional teams. The UWE Learning and Skills teacher is educated as a reflective and extended practitioner, able to critically analyse their own practice, able to articulate and evaluate underlying value positions and to engage with a range of educational literature, research and other evidence in order to improve their effectiveness in a range of contexts. In addition the programme aims to develop practitioners who will understand, and be able to uphold, the likely professional code of the Institute for Learning (April 2008) and who are committed to their ongoing professional development.

Section 3: Learning outcomes of the programme

The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas: ...

A Knowledge and understanding

Learning Outcomes	Teaching/learning methods and strategies:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display a comprehensive knowledge and conceptual understanding of their chosen area of study. 2. Have a detailed knowledge of their subject area and pedagogy related to teaching the range of curricula to be encountered in the Learning & Skills sector and/or other specifications. 3. Demonstrate the capability to adopt an ethical stance in relation to their practice. 4. Understand the significance and implications of contextual factors relating to their practice. 5. Understand and demonstrate positive values relating to their practice. 6. Have a commitment to ensuring equity and social justice relating to their practice. 	<p>These will include lectures, seminar discussions, peer discussions, mentor and tutor guidance, progress reviews, use of videos, case-study exercises, simulations, role-play, directed study and enquiry tasks, directed reading, use of on-line materials and opportunities to develop understanding through reflection on practice with associated setting of targets for development.</p> <p>The Qualified Teacher for the Learning and Skills Sector (QTLS) Standards and core unit framework is used to structure their experience and focuses on professional attributes, knowledge and understanding and skills. Delivery of the programme is underpinned by the five key outcomes for children and young people identified in Every Child Matters and expanded upon in Youth Matters.</p> <p>Taught sessions are founded upon the requirement that trainees read a range of recommended literature, that they develop active reading strategies and that they complete the relevant directed study tasks and are supported in developing their knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>UWE tutor input is balanced with placement –</p>

	<p>based practitioner input introducing alternative constructions and exploring the relationship between theory and practice.</p> <p>Assessment Assessment of knowledge and understanding is continuous throughout the programme. Informal and formative assessment is provided alongside formal assessments such as audit tools, written assignments and oral presentation. The trainee also maintains a Professional Development Record, a formal Teaching File and there is authentication of competence on placement against the Professional Standards for QTLS at various points of development.</p>
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B Intellectual Skills

<p>Learning Outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Able to think critically. 2. Able to reflect on the learning and teaching process. 3. Able to analyse, evaluate and synthesise concepts. 4. Able to develop informed lines of argument drawing on different perspectives and contexts. 5. Able to interrogate a range of relevant literature. 6. Able to demonstrate a confident and flexible approach. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies:</p> <p>Intellectual skills will be developed through the full range of teaching and learning methods and strategies as outlined above.</p> <p>Opportunities to apply knowledge in the development of intellectual skills are provided in taught sessions and through independent work including evaluating evidence (eg research into learner attainment), analysing case studies, creating presentations for a designated audience that require synthesis of ideas and research on a given topic, engaging in discussions requiring coherent argument and exploration of values.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment</p> <p>Intellectual skills are assessed throughout the programme utilising the various methods outlined above. In particular, written assignments and oral presentations are able to demonstrate trainees' developing intellectual skills.</p>
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C Subject, Professional and Practical Skills

<p>Learning Outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Able to meet the standards for the recommendation for QTLS as set out by the Secretary of State and to show evidence of successful completion of work based placements and other relevant experiences. 2. Able to demonstrate a detailed knowledge and understanding of the relevant subject or curriculum area and the related pedagogy to be an effective teacher. 3. Able to identify, plan, justify, deliver and evaluate teaching and learning and other professional activities. 4. Able effectively to organise and manage the learning environment. 5. Able to assess and monitor the progress of the learners and use relevant data and other sources to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching. 6. Able to demonstrate a secure knowledge and understanding of how learners develop and the factors that influence their progress and well-being. 7. Able to identify with and work within current statutory frameworks (eg Every Child Matters, Youth Matters) and specific agendas for the children's workforce (eg Common Core of Skills and Knowledge). 8. Able to identify a relevant and comprehensive range of professional, theoretical and research based sources and use these appropriately in professional practice. 9. Able to plan and/or conduct professionally grounded research or enquiry within agreed guidelines in a systematic way using primary and/or secondary sources. 10. Able to demonstrate an appropriate level of professional reflexivity and able to set personal and professional development targets. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies:</p> <p>Subject, professional and practical skills are developed through the range of teaching and learning methods and strategies outlined above.</p> <p>Opportunities to develop these skills are provided within the university through eg peer led subject knowledge development sessions and in placements through structured reflection on practice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment</p> <p>Subject, professional and practical skills are assessed throughout the programme utilising the various methods outlined above. In particular, through the placement-based assessment of trainees' progress towards meeting the QTLS Standards.</p>
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D Transferable Skills and other attributes

<p>Learning Outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Able to analyse and transform information and concepts. 2. Able to organise and present ideas in a coherent and sometimes innovative manner. 3. Can engage confidently in academic and professional communication. 4. Is reflective on the processes and outcomes of their own and others' learning in order to improve practice. 5. Makes effective use of a wide range of ICT applications in study and appropriate learning and teaching situations. 6. Can apply literacy and numeracy skills to support teaching and wider professional activities. 7. Is able to work effectively, with initiative, as an independent, self-motivated and self-critical learner. 8. Has a commitment to collaborative and co-operative working in a range of appropriate professional settings and can support or be proactive in leadership. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies:</p> <p>Transferable skills are developed through the range of teaching and learning methods and strategies outlined above.</p> <p>In particular they are developed by drawing on the prior work and life experiences of trainees within the groups. Trainees are expected to work in subject and cross-subject teams undertaking seminar activities, group projects and presentations. Presentation skills are developed in the university and on placement.</p> <p>Other transferable skills and other attributes are developed in variety of ways using the diversity of approaches as referenced. Directed study tasks require the use of systematic observation and the analysis of data. Trainees are required to use ICT whenever appropriate eg within formal and informal presentations and in their classroom teaching.</p> <p>The programme's strong emphasis on independent study, supported by the online learning environment (UWEonline), and an active reading strategy, promotes independence and motivation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment</p> <p>Transferable skills are assessed throughout the programme utilising the various methods outlined above. In particular, they are assessed through the trainees' developing professional competence and ability to work as a professional colleague in the placement.</p>
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Section 4: Programme structure

The Programme at UWE offers subject specific training in a flexible range of teaching subjects, especially seeking applications in those designated areas by LLUK as in shortage. The programme offers a training experience that prepares participants to teach in the 16+ phases of education. Where possible trainees are encouraged also to gain experience with 14 and 15 year old students in HE or work based learning and a limited part of their assessment can be in the teaching of that age group provided the teaching takes place within the context of a legitimate Learning & Skills funded establishment. Trainees are assessed against the LLUK QTLS Standards and the programme is designed to be flexible to accommodate any individual training needs.

All compulsory units are studied concurrently both in the University and in professional placements institutions. All trainees must successfully complete the professional practice units (UTXGMP-10-3 and UTGMS-20-3) which are undertaken during a linear professional placement. The professional standards are mapped explicitly against each of these practice units.

ENTRY ↓	Level 1	Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	Optional units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	Interim Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit requirements Not applicable • Other requirements Nil
		Core units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 		
	Level 2	Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	Optional units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	Interim Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit requirements Not applicable • Other requirements Nil
		Core units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 		
	Level 3	Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTXGMN-20-3, Preparing for Teaching in the Learning and Skills Sector • UTXGMQ-20-3, Planning for Learning and Assessment • UTXGMR-10-3. Personal and Professional Skills • UTXGMT-40-3, Curriculum and Context in Lifelong Learning • UTXGMP-10-3, Professional Development and Practical Teaching (A) • UTXGMS-20-3, Professional Development and Practical Teaching (B) 	Optional units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	Prerequisite requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum credit/unit requirements Nil • other Nil Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof GCE • Default title Nil Credit requirements 120 of which not less than 120 are at Level 3 or above
		Core units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil • 		

→ CONFERMENT OF AWARD

Section 5: Entry requirements

Entry requirements are as follows:

- ◆ a degree of a United Kingdom higher education institution or equivalent qualification
- ◆ appropriate personal and intellectual qualities to be teachers in the Lifelong Learning and Skills Sector and meet the Secretary of State's requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach and have appropriate Criminal Record Bureau clearance.

Section 6: Assessment Regulations

Non MAR The assessment regulations for this programme are appended.

Section 7: Student learning: distinctive features and support

The programme is designed, delivered and quality assured through a full partnership between the university and a range of professional placement providers (c 12 in total).

The programme of study is intended to be responsive to individual training needs and this is achieved through a range of strategies. Within the programme all trainees complete an audit of their individual training needs and begin a Professional Development Record, noting any progress that they may already have made towards meeting any of the QTLS Standards. The School of Education supports each trainee in auditing and monitoring their subject knowledge and ICT skills, in identifying their support needs for developing necessary skills in literacy and numeracy and in achieving success in the QTLS skills tests. The School of Education also, in collaboration with professional placement institutions, assists trainees in developing a reflective review file of their progress towards QTLS (Teaching File) with at least three University Tutor review points throughout the year. This process provides a key mechanism for identifying and responding to individual training needs.

Trainees are allocated a personal University Tutor at the start of the programme. This tutor has responsibility for discussing the trainee's individual training needs and, together with other university and placement staff, making the necessary arrangements to ensure those individual training needs are met within the programme. This tutor also helps the trainee monitor her/his progress on the programme, writes the trainee's reference and ensures completion of their Professional Development Record and Teaching File.

Trainees in all subjects are assessed against the QTLS Standards. Where, through discussion with their personal Tutor and Group Tutor, trainees express an emerging professional preference for including within their training a focus on 14 – 15 year old provision in the Learning & Skills sector, this expressed desire may be accommodated subject to the approval of the Programme Leader. This will be reflected in their observations and assessments for the remainder of the programme and this partial focus of their training will be clearly recorded in references.

As a linear programme, units are continuous throughout the academic year, leading towards the final certification of professional competence and the award of a Professional Certificate in Education at the end of the year. All units are studied in both the University and in professional placements institutions. The programme acknowledges the advantages of shared multi-disciplinary study and in the University trainees are normally taught in mixed subject groups. However, equal importance is placed upon individual subject development. Where appropriate, trainees are organised into subject groups for specific subject development purposes. The Mentor is normally a subject specialist in the trainee's subject. Very exceptionally, subject specialist support is offered by another member of staff in cooperation with the Mentor. Such exceptional arrangements are subject to monitoring, as is the entire Mentor relationship. Assignments and assessment of teaching at the placement and University are designed to promote individual subject development. Mentors follow a schedule which ensures they return regularly in tutorials to subject specialist issues and

professional development. The Mentor is expected also to ensure trainees receive a varied challenge in terms of subject, level and age range. A limited amount of additional subject tutoring is also made available at the University. Trainees are expected to work independently, individually or with others, on directed study and enquiry tasks, making use of on-line materials, in both environments.

In line with the University's Reading Strategy trainees are encouraged to make full use of print and electronic resources that are available to them through membership of the University. Trainees and teaching staff all have access to the University's electronic learning environment, UWEonline, and this is used extensively for unit information, resources and communication.

In all cases it is a characteristic of teaching and tutorial sessions that trainees' prior learning, understanding and concerns are drawn upon and addressed. Assessment requires trainees to draw upon a range of sources of evidence, including their individual prior and current experience. Structured guidance is given about writing at an appropriate level for assessment purposes.

All elements of the Programme Handbook are clearly cross-referenced with the LLUK Core Units and thus the QTLS Standards.

In addition to the support described above all trainees will have access to the ICT and resource facilities within the School of Education and all facilities described in the University Student Handbook including the relevant Student Adviser. Whilst on placement, trainees have access to all library facilities for students at a distance and a distance telephone counselling service. Through email and UWEonline they have regular electronic contact with their tutors and peers.

Section 8 Reference points/benchmarks

Subject/professional benchmarks

- ◆ The programme is informed by the QAA benchmarks for Education Studies as demonstrated in Section 3 of this specification.
- ◆ The programme is compliant with the LLUK requirements for Initial Teacher Training in the Learning and Skills Sector and makes explicit reference to the Secretary of State's *New Overarching Professional Standards for Teachers, Tutors and Trainers in the Lifelong Learning Sector (2007)*.
- ◆ The programme is underpinned by the six domains of these Standards as well as the five key outcomes for children and young people identified in Every Child Matters and amplified in Youth Matters and Common Core for Children's Work Force.
- ◆ The programme takes note of relevant legislation including the Children Act 2004, the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, special educational needs provisions in the Education Act 1996 and associated SEN code of practice (DfES 2001), the Race Relations Act 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, associated Race Equality Duty and the guidance of safeguarding children in education (DfES 2004).

University teaching and learning policies

- ◆ The programme has been developed in the context of the University policies on teaching, learning and assessment and explicitly meets the requirements set out therein.
- ◆ The focus on reflective pedagogy, underpinned by values and based on evidence is commensurate with the approach to learning and teaching set out in the School of Education Statement of Pedagogic Principle.

Staff research projects

School of Education staff are involved in research related to both substantive and methodological issues of relevance to the programme. Some examples of which include:

The adult learner
Student voice and student participation
Every Child Matters
Teaching sensitive and controversial issues
Textbook research – in particular representation of minority groups
Community engagement of specialist schools
Widening participation and raising achievement in disadvantaged contexts
Emerging professional identities
Developing models of ITT partnership
Cognitive acceleration through science education
The impact on raising achievement
Mature student in FE and HE
Education and identify amongst the white urban middle class
EU policy and lifelong learning
The use of individual learning plans in FE teacher training
The Basic Skills agenda
Teaching and Learning Cultures in FE
Young peoples' engagement in post-compulsory education in South Bristol

Employer interaction/feedback

Regular employer interaction/feedback is central to the programme. The programme is designed and delivered in partnership between the university and professional placement institutions (normally FE or Sixth Form colleges). Regular interaction with employers occurs at programme management level, through Mentor and SMT training sessions and annual meetings, through regular visits to placements in which trainees are placed and through

involvement of potential placement colleges in the selection of students and the design and validation of programmes. In addition Principals or their representatives from a number of partner colleges, participate in a regular PCET Partnership Strategy Group and in a developing 'UWE Federation', The programme is also answerable to a Programme Advisory Committee upon which sit representatives of two colleges at which a very substantial number of trainees have been placed since 2001. In 2007 the University learned that, together with other parties with an interest in the LSC sector, it had been successful in its bid to form a Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT). The CETT connection will benefit the quality of the programme in many ways including the possible provision of opportunities to expand the experience of trainees.

Feedback from trainees and colleges indicates that trainees are well prepared for the experience and show good standards in professional practice in placements. The School of Education makes arrangements for the internal and external moderation of such employer assessments.

High levels of employment success are achieved by participants.



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Assessment regulations (non Modular)

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

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Updated version approved by Academic Board 23rd March 2010

List of changes made:

Version	Change	Date Approved/Approving Authority
2	Addition of paragraph 4.3.12	15 th July 2008/Vice Chancellor
3	<p>Changes to reflect the substance of changes to the University Academic Regulations and Procedures 2009-10.</p> <p>The following paragraphs are affected by this change:</p> <p>1.1 "non-MAR" amended to read "non-modular"</p> <p>3.1.6 removal of provision for marking of late work</p> <p>3.4.7 removal of cross-referencing to MAR and insertion of cross-referencing to Academic Regulations and Procedures.</p> <p>3.5.4. "procedures under Academic Regulations" amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures"</p> <p>4.3.6 "Ordinances, Academic Regulations and Academic Procedures" amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures"</p> <p>4.3.7 "Academic Regulations" amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures"</p> <p>4.3.10 Academic Regulations and Academic Procedures" amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures"</p> <p>5.1 "UWE Regulations" amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures"</p> <p>6.1 "<i>University's Academic Procedures E9a.</i>" amended to read "<i>University's Academic Regulations and Procedures F17.</i>"</p> <p>7.1 "the University Regulations." amended to read "the University Academic Regulations and Procedures F20.</p> <p>8. "Academic Regulation E13. Further information on procedures for appeals are in the University Regulations." amended to read "Academic Regulations and Procedures G3."</p>	23 rd March 2010 – Academic Board



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Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

RATIONALE

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education is an award reserved for those who have followed a programme of study that is associated with a recommendation for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills Status (QTLS). It will require the achievement of at least 40 credits at level M. The award of Professional Graduate Certificate in Education is an alternative award for those candidates who are unable to achieve sufficient credit at level M but are able to meet the standards required for the recommendation for QTS or QTLS.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. Within these regulations a **unit** is a non-modular, discrete unit of study leading to 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 credits at a specified level as defined within the Academic Regulations of the University.
- 1.2. The **unit specification** is the definitive record of the unit.
- 1.3. Within these regulations an **attempt** at a unit includes two assessment opportunities, one of which is a referral opportunity. Only one attempt is allowed at a unit.
- 1.4. A **referral** is an opportunity to be reassessed within an attempt.

2. ETHICS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 2.1. In all work on this award, it is important that students are guided by the professional code of the General Teaching Council (England). In relation to submitting written work for assessment, it is important that the text does not break the ethic of trust or compromise any colleague, learner or participant in research or enquiry. Institutions referred to will usually be anonymised (except in the case of record keeping documents), as individuals should be.

3. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

3.1. General

- 3.1.1. Each unit shall be assessed as a separate entity and successful completion shall qualify the student for credit towards the award.
- 3.1.2. The form of reassessment in each unit is included in the unit specification.
- 3.1.3. Within each unit students are allowed two assessment opportunities, as defined in paragraph 1.3. There is one exception to this where the unit includes assessment of teaching, where referral is not an automatic right and is subject to the decision of the Award Board.

- 3.1.4. A unit is made up of components of assessment. A unit may have one or two components of assessment.
- 3.1.5 Decisions as to whether a student has successfully completed a unit or units and on eligibility for the award will be made by the Examining Board which has oversight of the whole programme and of each student's profile of performance.
- 3.1.6 A student who does not submit a component of assessment by the designated deadline shall normally be deemed to have failed that component and receive a fail grade in that component. Extensions to deadlines for individual students may not be granted under any circumstances.
- 3.1.7 The Programme Advisory Committee shall ensure that the general pattern of submission of assessments is established. The Programme Leader shall publish detailed arrangements and submission dates at the start of each year.
- 3.1.8 The normal minimum period of registration for a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education award is 38 weeks for an award in primary education and 36 weeks for an award based in secondary education and post compulsory education and training. This shall include any period of registration on the Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

3.2. Marking Scheme

- 3.2.1. All components of assessment are marked on a pass/fail grading against set criteria which are included on the unit specifications.
- 3.2.2. The course team will moderate all assessed work in accordance with the faculty assessment policy.
- 3.2.3. University tutors and curriculum mentors from partnership institutions will assess the professional practice components of assessment and may be involved in such other elements of assessment as the Faculty specifies for the award.

3.3 Award requirements

- 3.3.1 In order to be eligible for the award of a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education the student must achieve 120 credits through completion of the units identified in the programme specification.
- 3.3.2 There are no intermediate awards for which a student could be eligible.
- 3.3.3 A pass in all assessments for all units of this programme and a confirmation of a pass in such tests as required by the Secretary of State's Standards for Qualified Teacher Status (2007) which are essential for a recommendation for the Award of QTS. For QTLS the equivalent national requirements must be met.

3.4 Assessment of units that do not include assessment of practice teaching

- 3.4.1 In order to pass a unit, a student must achieve a pass in all components of assessment.
- 3.4.2 A student who fails the first assessment opportunity in a unit has a right to a referral in such components of assessment as he or she has failed. A failure to undertake a referral normally constitutes failure in that referral.

- 3.4.3 A student who has been permitted to transfer to this award from the Postgraduate Certificate in Education, shall enrol on the corresponding Level 3 Unit of Study where they will have one attempt at the unit, as defined in paragraph 1.3 above.
- 3.4.4 A student who fails a unit of assessment other than a professional placement unit, may, with the consent of the Chair of the Examining Board and a relevant External Examiner, be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit the assessment by a date determined by the Chair of the Examining Board. This also applies to assessed work submitted under the provisions of paragraph 3.4.3 above. Any student taking advantage of this procedure shall forfeit the right to referral denoted above, and waive their right of appeal for this assessment.
- 3.4.5 If a student fails a unit after the second assessment opportunity then the student will be deemed to have failed to meet the requirements of the award and will be required to withdraw.
- 3.4.6 Where a referral is permitted, the Programme Leader must ensure that it is undertaken by a date consistent with the Programme requirements. The Examining Board may specify when the reassessment is to take place.
- 3.4.7 Units that do not involve a professional placement in schools or colleges will be treated as the equivalent of modules under Academic Regulations and Procedures E7.2.11R for the purposes of latest enrolment date and E7.2.13R for the purposes of latest withdrawal date.

3.5 Assessment of a unit that includes the assessment of practice teaching

- 3.5.1 In order to pass a unit, a student must achieve a pass in all components of assessment.
- 3.5.2 At the discretion of the Examining Board, a student who fails a unit which includes the assessment of the practice of teaching at the first opportunity within an attempt may be:
- 3.5.2.1 permitted to retake the failed component(s) once only, subject to the availability of a suitable placement; or
- 3.5.2.2 required to withdraw from the programme on professional or safety grounds.
- 3.5.3 A student who fails a unit that includes the assessment of practice teaching on the second opportunity within an attempt will be deemed to have failed to meet the requirements of the award and will be required to withdraw from the award.
- 3.5.4 A student who is required by either the partner institution or the university to withdraw from a placement on the grounds of unprofessional conduct will be deemed to have failed to complete the relevant unit. Subject to the University's Academic Regulations and Procedures such a student may be required to withdraw from the programme. Where a student is required to withdraw under this regulation the University may require them to suspend their studies for the remainder of the academic year.
- 3.5.5 A student who, without the agreement of the University, withdraws from a placement will be deemed to have failed the relevant unit and, at the

discretion of the Chair of the Examining Board may be required to withdraw from the programme. Where a student is required to withdraw under this regulation the University may require them to suspend their studies for the remainder of the academic year

4. EXAMINING BOARD

4.1. There shall be an Examining Board responsible for determining success in units and recommending the award of the qualification available within the programme.

4.2 Composition

- 1 Head of the School of Education or nominee (Chair)
- 2 Scheme Director (or nominee)
- 3 Head of Relevant Department
- 4 External Examiners for the programme
- 5 Programme Leader
- 6 Representatives of Partner Training Providers
- 7 University Unit Leaders for each unit /Group Tutors for each subject area?
- 8 *One representative of the partner institutions*

4.3 Terms of Reference

The examining board shall be responsible for determining:

- 4.3.1 that assignments contributing to assessment are properly scrutinised and marked;
- 4.3.2 that all assessments are properly conducted;
- 4.3.3 the effects, if any, of circumstances related to the delivery or assessment of a unit or subject adversely affecting the performance of a whole cohort or a particular sub-group of students in an assessment or the unit/subject as a whole;
- 4.3.4 the mark or other outcome achieved by a student in respect of an assessment or re-assessment of his or her performance in each unit or subject and on the award as a whole;
- 4.3.5 whether a student has complied with the requirements to progress to further study on an award or to receive an award;
- 4.3.6 the recommendation for a particular award and, if appropriate, the differential level of award to be made to the student, having regard to the student's overall profile of assessment under the regulations for the programme, and subject to such limitations as are set out in the University's Academic Regulations and Procedures;
- 4.3.7 the award of credit to a student in respect of his or her performance in a unit or subject in accordance with the Academic Regulations and Procedures;
- 4.3.8 the satisfaction of any requirements of a professional body for recognition of the award in so far as may be delegated by the professional body;
- 4.3.9 the effect of any extenuating circumstances affecting the performance of a student in relation to an award or progression within an award;
- 4.3.10 the action to be taken in relation to the determination of the outcome of the assessment of units or subjects and of the award, in accordance with the

Academic Regulations and Procedures, in respect of a student who has committed an assessment offence;

4.3.11 any relevant matters arising from the work of the board which the board wishes to draw to the attention of the appropriate award management committee.

4.3.12 The Examining Board shall have the authority to delegate responsibility to the Chair of the Examining Board for approving credit and awards, in consultation with the Chief External Examiner, to allow recommendations to be made for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) to the General Training Council (GTC) when necessary and in the case of named referred students only.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXTERNAL EXAMINER(S)

5.1. As required under Academic Regulations and Procedures.

6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

6.1. A student who is of the opinion that his or her performance in the assessment of a unit, or his or her inability to undertake an assessment has been adversely affected by illness, personal problems, disability or other circumstances may refer those circumstances to the examining board in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations and Procedures F17.

6.2. An award board shall only permit students a further assessment opportunity at a unit in exceptional circumstances where it has accepted their extenuating circumstances already submitted in relation to a previous opportunity where that unit was not passed

7. ASSESSMENT OFFENCES

7.1. The University procedures for dealing with allegations of assessment offences are laid out in the Academic Regulations and Procedures F20.

8. APPEALS

An Application for Review of an Examining Board decision may only be made in accordance with the University of the West of England Academic Regulations and Procedures G3.

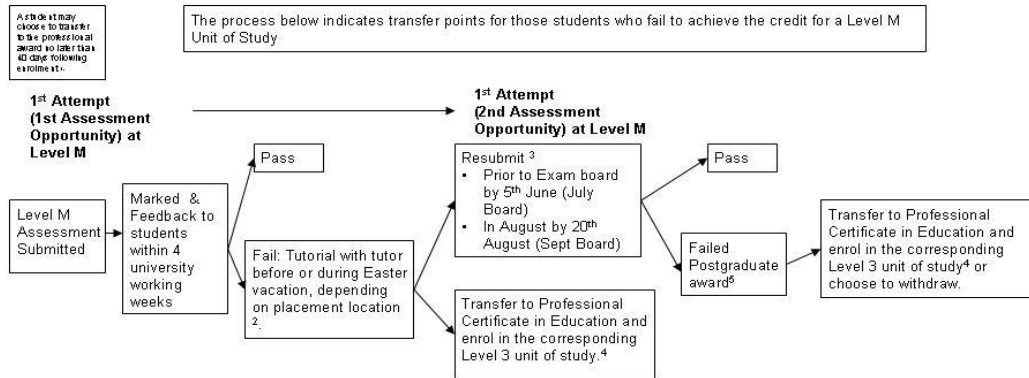
9. ANNULMENT OF A DECISION OF AN EXAMINING BOARD

The university Academic Regulations and Procedures G5 shall apply to this programme.

10. WITHHOLDING OF AWARDS FROM STUDENTS

The university Academic Regulations and Procedures G8 shall apply to this programme.

Route through for a student attempting Level M units on PGCE Post-Compulsory Education and Training Programmes – an indicative flowchart 2007-2008 Academic Year



¹ PGCE Regulation 3.1.9

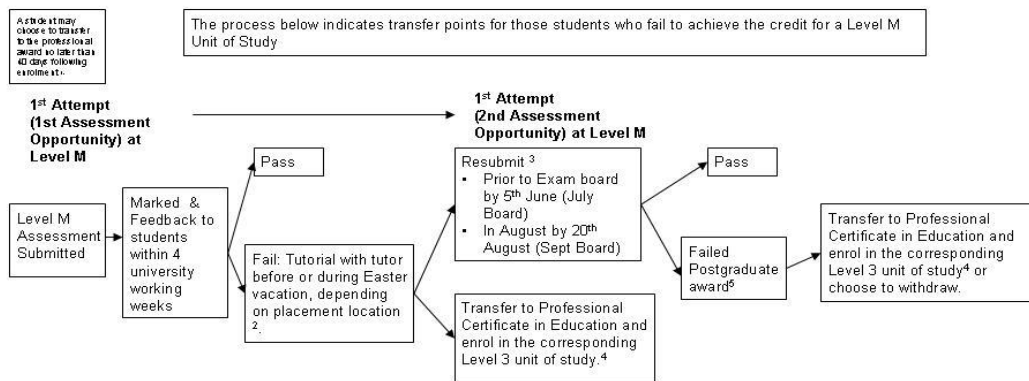
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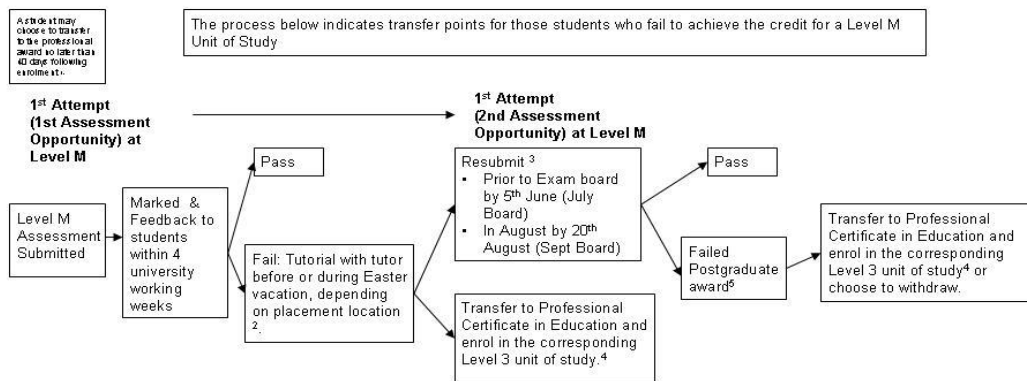
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