



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. Unlike previous years, students will not be in schools in the Autumn semester and the Spring semester placement includes a **two-week block**, heretofore, the placement included a one-week block. This information is presented to

elicit your participation in **Spring Year 1 Placement**.

Autumn Semester

Year 1 School Placement – Middle classes

Professional Placement 1

- College based
- 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 2018

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.

- **Mondays** (Jan. 29th , Feb. 5th , 12th , 19th and 26th) and **Two Week Block** March 5th – 16th
- 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 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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