

Practicum III

Code: 103702
ECTS Credits: 2

| Degree | Type | Year | Semester |
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| 2500798 Primary Education | OB | 3 | 2 |

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

This course is part of Educational Processes and Contexts. For this reason, it is advisable to have done and surpassed the previous three subjects: Education and Educational Contexts, Theories and Contemporary Practices in Education and Teaching and Curriculum Development.

Objectives and Contextualisation

- Facilitate implementation of interdisciplinary projects at a variety of scales
- Spark creative excitement among individuals and collaborative groups
- Teach students to integrate education theories with technologies and design thinking.
- Mentor through instruction, knowledge sharing, and self-motivated skills-building.
- Encourage experiential learning through outside partnerships or international examples.

Skills

- Acquiring practical knowledge of the class and its management.
- Develop autonomous learning strategies.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and understand how to communicate effectively both in ones own languages and in a foreign language.
- Generate innovative and competitive proposals in research and in professional activity.
- Manage information in relation to the professional field for decision making and the preparation of reports.
- Respect the diversity and the plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Work in teams and with teams (in the same field or interdisciplinary).

Learning outcomes

1. Becoming involved in the dynamics of the centre and of the classroom when making suggestions for innovation related to the context of the centre and of the classroom.
2. Critically analyse and evaluate teaching and learning situations from the perspective of the inclusive school.
3. Critically analyse the educational reality observed in order to propose improvements from an innovative perspective.

4. Critically observing the reality of the school, paying special attention to innovation projects, and reflecting this practical know-how in the proposed improvements.
5. Describe and explain the facts and situations related to observed and experienced teaching and learning. Interpret, compare and argue based on ones own criteria.
6. Develop strategies for autonomous learning.
7. Discuss different points of view in a reasoned and documentary manner and know how to find connections and commonalities.
8. Selecting the key information for making proposals for improvements in primary education centres.

Content

Course contents

0. Presentation: Introductory Contents (I)
1. Science and Scientific Research (I)
2. Thinking Like a Researcher (I)
3. The Research Process (I)
4. The Research Design (I)
5. Action research and Design Thinking for Professional Development (II)
6. Transition to Practicum III

Methodology

The methods used in the class are designed to fairly respond to the title of the course. Different research and creative techniques will be used so students can learn by doing. In order to generate a participatory learning environment, there will be compulsory readings that the students need to go through before each session. Besides, the course will be divided in Master Classes where the teacher will facilitate contents and clarify doubts regarding the readings and seminars to approach practical examples and concerns in relation to practice.

Activities

| Title | Hours | ECTS | Learning outcomes |
|-------------------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| Type: Directed | | | |
| face-to-face Group | 10 | 0.4 | 1, 4, 8 |
| Seminars | 5 | 0.2 | 1, 4, 8 |
| Type: Supervised | | | |
| Tutorials | 7 | 0.28 | 1, 4, 8 |
| Type: Autonomous | | | |
| Study | 25 | 1 | 1, 4, 8 |

Evaluation

The assessment of the student will be done through continuous evaluation, which means attendance and participation in class are key to pass the course.

- Individual test (60%). The test will be carried out at the end of the course.

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- The researcher's diary (30%). The researcher will address in a diary the most important challenges that has cope with in each session and will need to reflect upon them.

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- Attendance and participation (10%).

To pass the subject, all the students need to get a minimum of 5 point in the three elements assessed.

Evaluation activities

| Title | Weighting | Hours | ECTS | Learning outcomes |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|------|------------------------|
| Practical task | 60 | 2 | 0.08 | 3, 2, 5, 6, 7, 1, 4, 8 |
| Task presentation | 40 | 1 | 0.04 | 1, 4, 8 |

Bibliography

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IDEO (2013). Design Thinking for Educators. Available: <http://www.designthinkingforeducators.com/toolkit/>

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Other materials might be included due in course.