



INTERNATIONAL (OVERSEAS) INTERNSHIPS

For students proceeding to the MTeach it may be possible to undertake an Internship professional experience in an overseas site. Such placements may be proposed by the student and need to be approved on a case by case basis by the Director of Professional Experience. The approval process will take account of:

- The suitability of the student teacher for such a placement in terms of their academic competence, record in the course, and personal attributes including capacity to function competently within the specific demands of the overseas context.
- The suitability of the school/institution in which the proposed internship is to occur in terms of its capacity to offer and support an Internship learning experience, as indicated by information such as the school's Prospectus and curriculum documents.
- The suitability of the mentor teacher(s). Mentor Teachers need to be appropriately qualified and experienced teachers who are willing to complete the required Internship Report Form in English for which a small fee can be claimed.
- Capacity to meet the particular timelines required for negotiating and finalising necessary arrangements for the Internship placement.

Requirements of Internship

- Whilst the placement is not within an Australian context, students are required to demonstrate teaching competence aligned with the NSW Teaching Standards for the Graduate Teacher within the unit EDMT6200. Assessment and reporting by the Mentor Teacher should be guided by the Evidence Guide and Report Form associated with Graduate Teacher status.
- During the Internship interns are expected to complete no more than 60% (and no less than 50%) of a normal teaching load, to allow for quality planning and evaluation of teaching as well as work undertaken towards the Action Research Project. The placement school must be able to allocate classes in appropriate curriculum areas for secondary MTeach students.
- Additionally, students need to complete successfully the requirements of the associated unit of study, EDMT6201, Action Research Project & Post Internship Conference. This unit requires interns to undertake a suitable Action Research Project, as well as participating in on-line coursework and the On-line Conference. Interns will thus need to be able to access suitable Internet facilities to undertake the on-line components of this unit. The Conference in 2008 will be held on 25 – 26 September. At least 25 days of the Internship placement needs to

be completed prior to participation in the on-line component of this Conference, to allow for submission of work by 3 October 2008.

- Students considering this program need to be aware that due to the distance of their placement from the University they will need to have adequate personal resources of resiliency and independence. It is more difficult for the University to ensure additional support should this be required during the course of the Internship. As such, International Internships will not be approved for students who have experienced any significant difficulties professionally or personally during their teacher education studies.

Application for International Internship

- The International Internship Application Form, available from the Division of Professional Experience needs to be completed at least eight (8) weeks prior to the placement.
- Associated supporting documentation and relevant information regarding the placement school needs to accompany this Application. This information will be assessed by the Director of Professional Experience who may consult other academic members of the Faculty to gauge the applicant's suitability for this program.