

PRACTICUM

The Practicum is a very important component of the degree programme. Its principal function is to provide student teachers with the opportunity to develop teaching competencies in a variety of instructional contexts and at different levels, under the guidance and supervision of cooperating teachers and university lecturers. They will learn from experienced cooperating teachers about the schooling process and prepare themselves for their roles and responsibilities in teaching.

During the Practicum, student teachers will be able to use the knowledge and skills acquired in the subjects they read at the university, and have opportunities to integrate theory and practice in schools.

The Practicum is spread throughout the entire course of study and is developmental in nature. It comprises four school attachment periods, i.e., School Experience (SE), Teaching Assistantship (TA), Teaching Practice 1 (TP1) and Teaching Practice 2 (TP2).

Practicum

Module Code	Title	Module Category	No. of AUs	Pre-requisites
APR101	School Experience	Core	0	-
APR201	Teaching Assistantship	Core	3	SE
APR301	Teaching Practice I	Core	6	TA
APR401	Teaching Practice II	Core	12	TP1

APR101 School Experience

This is 2 weeks long, with 1 week in a primary school and 1 in a secondary school. The purpose for this is to provide student teachers opportunities to observe lessons in the primary and secondary classrooms.

APR201 Teaching Assistantship

Next the student teachers will undergo a 5-week TA. Its purpose is to provide them opportunities to observe their Cooperating Teachers (CTs) teach and to reflect on the roles and responsibilities of a teacher.

APR301 Teaching Practice I

The 3rd component is TP1. It is 5 weeks long. Its purpose is to help the student teachers begin to learn to teach independently. They will learn to plan their own lesson segments to teach, prepare the relevant resources and manage pupils independently, in consultation with their CTs. They will continue to be provided opportunities to observe their CTs teach.

APR401 Teaching Practice II

TP2 is the last component of the Practicum. It is 10 weeks long – this duration will provide time for student teachers to have a more holistic school attachment experience which would include exploring other aspects of a teacher's life besides classroom teaching, for e.g. observing how CCAs are managed.