



**Professional Graduate Diploma in Education Secondary
(PGDE Secondary)**

Induction booklet

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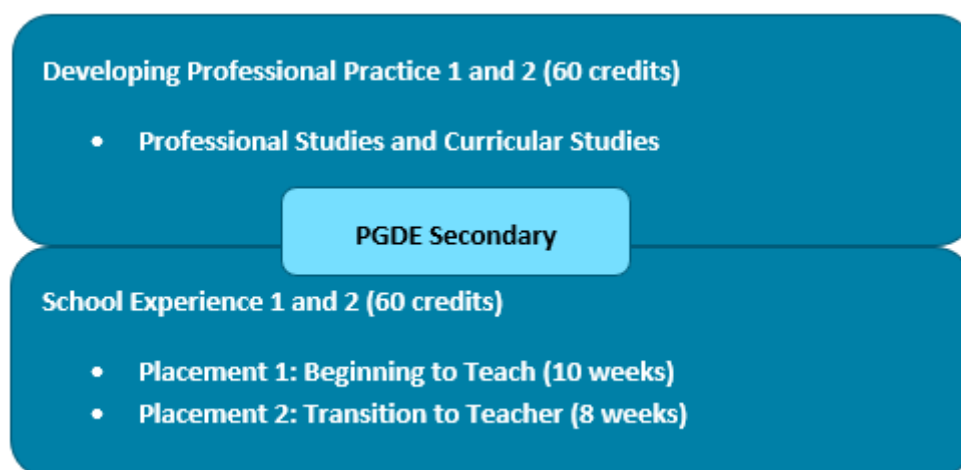
1 WELCOME

Congratulations on achieving a place on the Professional Graduate Diploma of Education (PGDE) Secondary Programme. The University of Aberdeen, School of Education and the PGDE Secondary tutor team are delighted to welcome you and look forward to working with and supporting you during your studies.

The purpose of this induction booklet is to enable you to access the first day of teaching (Tuesday 15 August 2023) and to plan for your first week and the year ahead, prior to commencing your studies with us. Further information will be provided when the programme starts via the welcome lecture, the Programme Handbook and the Programme team.

1.1 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The PGDE Secondary programme at Aberdeen aims to support student teachers as they embark on their professional journey of becoming an inclusive practitioner and facilitating the learning of all young people whilst developing a reflective, reflexive and enquiring disposition. The programme offers flexible collaborative learning (on campus and online) and supports the development of critically responsive practitioners.



Developing Professional Practice 1 and 2 form one 60 credit course (ED402R).

School Experience 1 and 2 form one 60 credit course (ED402Q).

1.2 ONLINE LEARNING

The programme will comprise both on-campus teaching and independent, asynchronous learning, which can be accessed and completed in your own time.

Online learning is presented in MyAberdeen which is the University of Aberdeen's Virtual Learning Environment. This is where you will find learning materials and resources associated with the courses you are studying. You can log in to MyAberdeen by going to www.abdn.ac.uk/myaberdeen and entering your University username and password (which you use to access the University network).

2 PGDE SECONDARY TIMELINE

University week	Week beginning	Curricular Studies on-campus learning Tuesday (9.30am-4pm) except weeks 3&43 (see below)	Professional studies on-campus learning Wednesday 10am-12pm and 1-2pm, unless otherwise stated
2	07/08	PGDE Online Registration	
3	14/08	9.00am-10.30am lecture followed by Curricular Studies class from 11.00	10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture; 2-3pm lecture
4	22/08	Curricular Studies class	10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture; 2-3pm lecture
5	28/08	Curricular Studies class	10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture; 2-3pm lecture
6	04/09	Curricular Studies class	10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture
7	11/09	Curricular Studies class	9am-10am workshop (optional); 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture
8	18/09	School Experience Orientation	
9	25/09	School Experience Orientation	
10	02/10	Curricular Studies class, No Professional Studies classes	
11	09/10	Curricular Studies class, 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
12	16/10	Reading week 1	
13	23/10	Curricular Studies class, 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
14	30/10	Curricular Studies class, 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
15	06/11	School Experience 1A	
16	13/11	School Experience 1A	
17	20/11	School Experience 1A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
18	27/11	School Experience 1A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
19	04/12	School Experience 1A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
20	11/12	Curricular Studies class - 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
21	18/12	Holiday	
22	25/12	Holiday	
23	01/01	Holiday	
24	08/01	Curricular Studies class, No Professional Studies classes; 1-2pm optional M Level lecture	
25	15/01	School Experience 1B	
26	22/01	School Experience 1B	
27	29/01	School Experience 1B	
28	05/02	Reading Week 2	
29	12/02	Curricular Studies class, 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
30	19/02	Curricular Studies class, No Professional Studies classes; 10am-12pm optional M Level workshop; 1-2pm optional M Level lecture	
31	26/02	School Experience 2A	
32	04/03	School Experience 2A	
33	11/03	School Experience 2A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
34	18/03	School Experience 2A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
35	25/03	School Experience 2A Tutor Visiting Weeks	
36	01/04	Holiday	
37	08/04	Reading Week 3	
38	15/04	Curricular Studies class, 10am-12pm workshop; 1-2pm lecture	
39	22/04	School Experience 2B	
40	29/04	School Experience 2B	
41	06/05	School Experience 2B	
42	13/05	Curricular Studies class, No PS classes; 10am-12pm optional M Level workshop; 1-2pm optional M Level lecture	
43	20/05	9am-4pm presentations; 4-5pm lecture. No PS classes; 10am-12pm optional M Level workshop; 1-2pm optional M Level lecture	
44	27/05	No Curricular Studies class. No PS classes; 10am-12pm optional M Level workshop; 1-2pm optional M Level lecture	
45	03/06	Resubmissions only	

* Please note – School Experience placements are full time, Monday-Friday

3 PGDE SECONDARY TEAM

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4 FIRST WEEK OF THE PROGRAMME (UNIVERSITY WEEK 3)

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST:

0900-1030 – Welcome Lecture

This session will be held in the **MacRobert Lecture Theatre**. This lecture theatre is in the MacRobert Building, which is on the corner of King Street and St Machar Drive. You can access more information about the location of the building using the [interactive campus map](#).

1100-1600 – Curricular Studies

You will have curricular studies for the rest of the day with your curricular tutor(s). Further information about your curricular studies rooms will be made available during the welcome lecture and on MyAberdeen.

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST:

1000-1200: Professional Studies workshop. **Workshop preparation tasks (approx. 1 hour)** will be made available on MyAberdeen, in the week 3 folder for Professional Studies.

Further information about your Professional Studies rooms will be made available during the welcome lecture and on MyAberdeen.

1300-1400 and 1400-1500: Professional Studies lectures. Further information about your Professional Studies lecture theatre(s) will be made available during the welcome lecture and on MyAberdeen.

5 PROGRAMME CORE TEXTBOOK AND RECOMMENDED READING

The following textbook is the **core reader** for PGDE Secondary and it is recommended that you purchase this. It will be used in both Professional Studies and Curricular Studies and will also support your learning during School Experience.

CAPEL, S., HIDSON, E., LAWRENCE, J., LEASK, M. and YOUNIE, S., (2022). *Learning To Teach In The Secondary School: A companion to school experience.* 9th Edition. London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

This text is available in the Blackwells store, on campus and [online](#). A small number of copies are also available electronically through the library.

Two other texts are **recommended**:

BRYCE, T. G. K. et al. (2018). *Scottish Education.* 5th edition. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

DALY, C. and POLLARD, A., (2023). *Reflective Teaching in Secondary Schools.* 6th edition. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Both are available electronically through the library. You can access these by clicking on the 'Books and Tools' option in the menu on the left-hand side of the MyAberdeen page:

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All other reading will be given or recommended in Professional Studies and Curricular Studies.