UWA Internship Program

Introduction

As a pre-service teacher about to enter your final year of education studies, you are invited to participate in an extended practicum placement as part of a partnership between the UWA Graduate School of Education and the Department of Education (DoE).

It is anticipated that throughout the placement and starting from the beginning of the school year participants in the program will spend, on average, a minimum of two days per week in a school, and that during university teaching time participants will spend at least one day each week in the school.

Hence, participation in this experience would give substantial intensive professional learning in a school environment and would provide invaluable practical preparation for classroom practice.

UWA students in their final year of study towards a teaching qualification are eligible to apply to participate in this program.

Preference, in order of priority for 2015, will be given to pre-service teachers of Secondary Mathematics and Science (Physics and Chemistry), Secondary education in rural areas, Primary and Early Childhood education in rural areas, and Primary and Early Childhood education in metropolitan areas.

If you are a dedicated, hard-working student and you believe you are a suitable candidate please read the following information carefully before applying.

Conditions of appointment to the program

- Depending on the course of study undertaken, successful applicants will be required to commit to a six to twelve month extended practicum placement at one of the Department of Education participating schools.

- During 2015, applicants must be enrolled at the University of Western Australia and must be in their final year of a Graduate Diploma of Education or Master of Teaching qualification at the University of Western Australia.

- Participants will commence their placement at the commencement of the school year for teaching staff, Thursday 29 January 2015 and attend full time for the first 10 days of the school year.

- After the first two weeks of term, participants will be required to attend their placement school for one to two days per week until the end date of the internship.

- Required course work for the final year of teacher education, including assessed block practicums, will also be completed concurrently with the extended practicum placement. As far as possible, course work will be linked to activities undertaken at the school.
• Students will be expected to keep a log book of attendance and maintain a reflective journal using the framework provided by the University.

Who is eligible?

Pre-service teachers in their final year of a Graduate Diploma of Education or Master of Teaching qualification at the University of Western Australia are eligible to apply. The conditions of the internship differ depending on your enrolment, as follows.

Master of Teaching (Final Year)

Pre-service teachers enrolled in their final year of a Master of Teaching are eligible to apply for the internship. The internship would operate over school terms 1 to 3 and would involve 75 days (15 weeks) of professional practice in schools.

Term 1: Pre-service teachers attend 20 days in their assigned schools, which would include the 2 staff days and first 2 weeks (full-time attendance in schools) at the commencement of the school year. Once the university commences on the 23 February, pre-service teachers would negotiate their attendance of 1 to 2 days a week.

Term 2: Pre-service teachers complete the formal practicum requirement as part of unit EDUC5500. This involves five distributed days (over the first four weeks of term) followed by a 6-week block of full-time practice (18 May to 26 June) in the school. During this period, pre-service teachers are formally assessed by their mentor and a UWA supervisor (35 days).

Term 3: Pre-service teachers attend 20 days in their assigned schools. It is envisaged that this would comprise of 1 to 2 days a week for the first 4 weeks of the school term, followed by a 2 week block of professional practice (required as part of EDUC5509) and 1 to 2 days a week for the remainder of the term (20 days).

Term 4: There are three options available in the final school term (to be negotiated between the pre-service teacher and the school).

Option 1: Internship ends on 26 September.

Option 2: Pre-service teachers continue to attend school for 1 to 2 days a week until the end of the school year.

Option 3: Schools apply for a Limited Registration from the TRBWA to enable a teaching appointment (duration and fraction to be negotiated between the school and the pre-service teacher).

Graduate Diploma in Education (Mid-year or Part-time students in their final Year)

Pre-service teachers enrolled in their final year of a Graduate Diploma in Education are eligible to apply for the internship. The internship would operate over 6 months and would involve 50 days (10 weeks) of professional practice in schools.

Term 1: Pre-service teachers attend 20 days in their assigned schools, which would include the 2 staff days and first 2 weeks (full-time attendance in schools) at the commencement of the school year. Once the university
commissions on the 23 February, pre-service teachers would negotiate their attendance of 1 to 2 days a week.

**Term 2:** Pre-service teachers complete the formal practicum requirement in the school, as part of unit EDUC5581, comprising five distributed days (during the first five weeks of term) and a 5 week block of full-time practicum (25 May to 26 June). During this period, pre-service teachers are formally assessed by their mentor and a UWA supervisor **(30 days)**.

**Term 3:** Pre-service teachers undertake university commitments and professional practice in another school for term 3.

**Term 4:** There are two options available in the final school term (to be negotiated between the pre-service teacher and the school).

*Option 1:* Pre-service teachers return to the school for 1 to 2 days a week until the end of the school year.

*Option 2:* Schools apply for a Limited Registration from the TRBWA to enable a teaching appointment (duration and fraction to be negotiated between the school and the pre-service teacher).

**Internship Placements available for 2015**

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<td>Churchlands SHS</td>
<td>Science (4), Design &amp; Technology (1), English (3), Media (1), Society &amp; Environment (1), Visual Arts (1), Music (1), Drama (1), Dance (1)</td>
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<td>Mirrabooka SHS</td>
<td>Science (2), Mathematics (2), Technology &amp; Enterprise Computing (2), English (2), Technology &amp; Enterprise Home Economics (1), Society &amp; Environment (1), Arts – Contemporary Music (1)</td>
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<td>Rossmoyne SHS</td>
<td>History and Social Sciences (4)</td>
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<td>Woodvale SC</td>
<td>Science/Chemistry (1), Media (1), Society &amp; Environment (1), Drama (1), Physical Education/Health Education (1)</td>
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Other schools may be available by negotiation – if there are strong reasons for needing to participate in the program in another school, please discuss this with Professor Peter Merroots.

**Financial assistance**

Some participants in the extended practicum placement may be eligible to apply for financial assistance in the form of a stipend provided by the Department of Education.

The number of stipends that will be awarded is limited, and will be allocated based on the subject area, with priority given to pre-service teachers completing qualifications in areas of shortage: Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Design and Technology.
The value of the stipend will depend on the length of the extended practicum placement: $12,000 for a 12-month placement or $6,000 for a 6-month placement.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance, please complete the relevant section of the application form.

Application process
To be considered for an extended practicum placement please complete the UWA Internship Application Form and submit it along with the following documents.

- A copy of your most recent academic transcripts.
- An expression of interest, less than one page in length, which outlines your background and experiences and explain how these have informed your beliefs about teaching and learning.
- A statement of claim, less than one page in length, against the following selection criteria:

Criteria
1. Outline what you believe to be your pedagogical strengths with regard to instructional ability and professional content knowledge based on your academic results to date. Be sure to explain any anomalies in the results.
2. Outline what you would like to achieve from participation in an internship, both professionally and personally.

Closing date
Applications close on Friday 17 October 2014.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend a selection interview, which will take place during the week 20–24 October. It is anticipated that recommendations concerning participants will be made to the Department of Education by the end of October.

Submission of applications
Please submit your application by email to: peter.merrotsy@uwa.edu.au.

Dr Lisa Bell and Dr Peter Merrotsy
Graduate School of Education
The University of Western Australia

Application checklist
- UWA Internship Application Form
- Expression of Interest
- Statement of claim against the selection requirements
- A copy of latest academic transcript