

Department response to Validation Panel report

Date of panel: 26/01/2021

Date of response: 28/01/2021

Responders: Dr Breda McTaggart

Programme Title(s): Professional Master of Education

Conditions

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None	Not Required

Recommendations

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<p>Recommendations: Programme team to be keep placement scheduling under review to ensure it is optimum for all stakeholders.</p>	<p>The team will keep this under review using the process that is currently in place for all other programmes with placement components in the Department of Social Sciences. Specifically, annual feedback is gathered from advisory groups and placements to determine what, if any, alterations needs to occur. If issues arise these will be reviewed within PB and processed IT Sligo`s QA as needed.</p>
<p>Programmes to consider developing strategies/ scenario building to enhance their agility in responding to teaching practice delivery/ assessment in the virtual environment</p>	<p>The programme will support remote delivery to post-primary students if that is a suitable delivery methodology for accepting school environments. The team will meet their Programme Advisory group in April/May and discuss contingencies placements models that we could support schools, student teachers and learners. Assessments can be altered for emergency remote delivery if needed.</p>
<p>Programme team to ensure that there is consistency in detail in relation to items such as word count etc across all the module descriptors.</p>	<p>All modules are including the statement of normally xx word count to allow guidance, and flexibility relevant to the ECTS and assessment weighting..</p>
<p>Senior managers/ principals of participating schools have an identified contact in the Institute who they can</p>	<p>PPU administer and manage all placements in the Department, and within this, polices applicable to all programmes, including raising</p>

discuss non-performing students/ student concerns with.	concerns regarding student performance will be applied to this programme
Students are encouraged to register with the teaching council (Grade 3) on commencement of the programme in order to get a Teaching Council Registration number. The latter will make the students more attractive to principals as they would be available for teaching other than that required as part of the PME.	This is excellent advice, all students will be provided with this guidance.

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