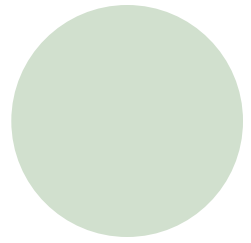
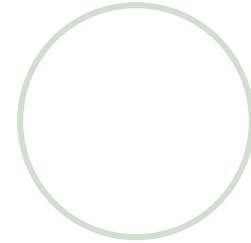
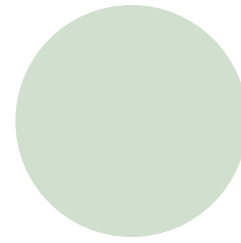


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EDUC 315
Seminar #6

"Common Myths & Misconceptions about
EDUC 421..."

Thursday, January 9, 2020
Woodward/IRC 2

Myth & Misconception #1



Advance preparation is highly overrated.

MYTH

Pre-Practicum Contact Day



- January 24, 2020
- Mandatory for all students*
- Confirm course loads, school advisors
- Review completed unit/lesson plans
- Go over any last minute details in preparation for day 1 - February 3, 2020



Myth & Misconception #2

There is a limit to the amount
your Faculty Advisor can
observe you over the course of
the practicum.

FACT

Faculty Advisor Expectations



- Liaison between you, your school, and the university
- Provides a valuable support system for you
- Makes regular observations (minimum of 5 visits over the course of the practicum; typically every 5-7 school days)
- Provides valuable feedback, suggestions, and assistance to you.

Myth & Misconception #3

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Most teacher candidates will transition into the role of school advisors once they have started their teaching careers.

MYTH

Role of the School Advisor



- Provides the 'arena' for you to work in; without them you wouldn't be able to perform - appreciate this fact!
- Also act as a support system for you
- Can be a valuable source of materials and ideas
- Your main supervisors, critics, and 'guardians' of your final standing.

Myth & Misconception #4



The Program Coordinator does not play an active role once students have started EDUC 421.

MYTH



Role of the Program Coordinator

- The link between all parties involved in the practicum
- A valuable support system, especially with respect to the fact that he can be detached from the practicum triad if necessary
- Addresses any problems that may arise
- Visits schools if necessary
- Assigns final standing if necessary.



Myth & Misconception #5

Practicum loads are in essence flexible – the main issue is the particular individual's situation.

MYTH

Practicum Loads



- Must adhere to UBC & TCB Guidelines
 - All courses taught must be within the subject areas that you have been trained to teach in (unless authorized by the Program Coordinator)
- Full load must be...
 - For a minimum of four consecutive weeks
 - 6 blocks in a linear school, 3 in a semester school
 - Not taken (entirely) before the midpoint of the practicum

Myth & Misconception #6

Superman
Died in
"Superman
#75".



FACT



- Resist the urge to do too much while on your practicum. Regardless of the situation, remember that your first responsibility is to the courses/students that you are assigned to teach.
- Extracurricular activities, teaching outside of your admitted areas, and teaching courses outside of your teaching load should all take a back seat.

Myth & Misconception #7



Documentation of the practicum is not as crucial as frequency of observations.

MYTH

Evaluation/Assessment



- Observations should be regular.
- Feedback can take any number of forms: not just the standard UBC forms.
 - Written feedback is preferred, but oral feedback is completely acceptable as well.
- Take the initiative if you feel you are not getting the evaluation you need:
 - Ask for more observations and/or evaluations
 - Ask for more support/advice/suggestions
 - Be clear about what type of observations you want!
 - Contact the TEO for support

Myth & Misconception #8



All concerns raised by your advisors should be treated with the same level of importance.

FACT

Potential Problems



- FA makes regular comments regarding concern over lack of classroom management; teacher candidate feels there is no significant problem.
- FA is displeased with the lack of appropriate dress exhibited; teacher candidate does not feel there is anything wrong with the way she/he/they is dressing.

- SA is unhappy with the lack of attention being paid to class records (e.g. attendance); teacher candidate feels students should be allowed to learn at their own pace, and attendance should not be mandatory, so does not worry about attendance.
- SA is upset with the lack of (advance) planning being shown; teacher candidate disagrees with this opinion.



- SA is taken aback with the issues raised/comments made/attitude exhibited by the student teacher when conversing with staff; when the issue of professionalism is brought up, the teacher candidate expresses that this is just the way that she/he/they is.

Interim Reports and Cross Checks

- Generally are issued to teacher candidates if there are serious concerns with your progress.
- Are mandatory if you are to be given a Failing grade for EDUC 421**.
- Are not always the worst thing that can happen!!!
- Cross-checks can be requested by teacher candidates as well as advisors.

Myth & Misconception #9



Midpoint meetings are reserved for those teacher candidates who are having serious problems during the first half of the practicum.

MYTH

The Midpoint Meeting



- All Teacher Candidates will take part in these meetings.
- Should occur somewhere around Week 5 or 6 of your practicum.
- All triad members should be present at this meeting, which the TC arranges.
- Assess yourself at this time!
- All triad members should complete the midpoint form and a midpoint checklist.
- Address problems/set goals for the final weeks.



Myth & Misconception #10

Summer session courses run
from May 19 – July 31.

FACT

Summer Registration



- Registration is during your practicum, and opens on February 26th @ 330 PM – so mark this on your calendar!!
- Information will be available on the web, as usual:
www.teach.educ.ubc.ca/
- May 13, 2020 - tuition payment deadline for Summer Term 1
- July 7, 2020 - tuition payment deadline for Summer Term 2

Summer Session



- Two terms:

- Term 1 May 19 - June 26

- 6 weeks 8 credits

- EDST 403, EDST 404, EDUC 452, LLED 361

- Term 2 July 6-31

- 4 weeks 9 credits[^]

- EPSE 317, EDUC 440, Elective

Myth & Misconception #11



You will receive your official practicum reports during your Final Meeting with your advisors, which will take place in the final two weeks of EDUC 421.

MYTH

Final Meeting/Reports



- Should be conducted in the final two weeks of the practicum.
- Should contain no surprises!
- Reports given to you are DRAFTS – you have the right to ask for revisions.
- Remember, these are summative documents, not formative documents.
- Consult with the TEO if you have questions.

Disclosure



- Who has the right to disclose your final reports?
 - Your FA/SA(s)
 - The Teacher Certification Branch
 - The TEO
 - You
 - All of the above

YOU

Myth & Misconception #12



Approximately 1 in 20 students
will not successfully complete
EDUC 421.

FACT

Withdrawal From EDUC 421

Week	Status	Refund
1-2	removal of course from transcript	100%
3	W	50%
4	W	25%
5-6	W	0%
7-13	F	0%



Myth & Misconception #13

In terms of final standing, there are three possible outcomes for EDUC 421.

MYTH

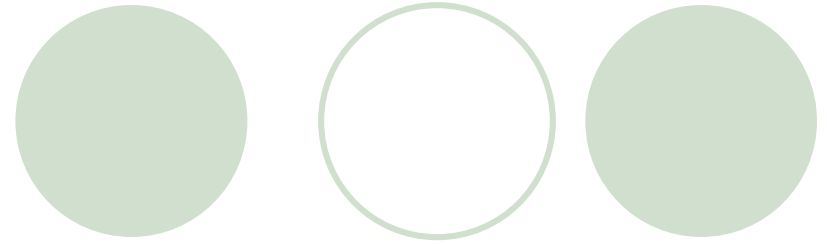
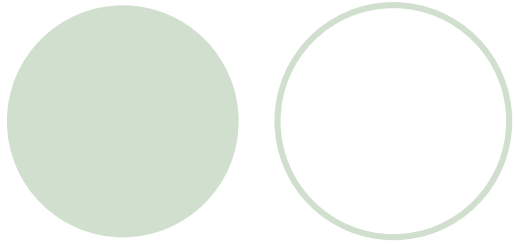
Final Standing for EDUC 421



- There are five possible outcomes:
 - PASS (P)
 - FAIL (F)
 - WITHDRAW (W)
 - SUPPLEMENTAL (S)
 - STANDING DEFERRED (SD)

Supplementals, Deferrals, & Fails

- What is the difference?
 - Transcript, time commitment, cost.
- Supplementals
 - Recommended for those who have made considerable progress but have yet to attain the acceptable level of a beginning teacher
 - Remember, a strong pass (B+) is required!!!
 - Students take an additional 6 weeks of practicum in the fall, at a different school
 - Students may proceed to the CFE and all summer course work.



- Supplementals (continued)

- Cost is \$30

- Transcript will contain TWO lines:

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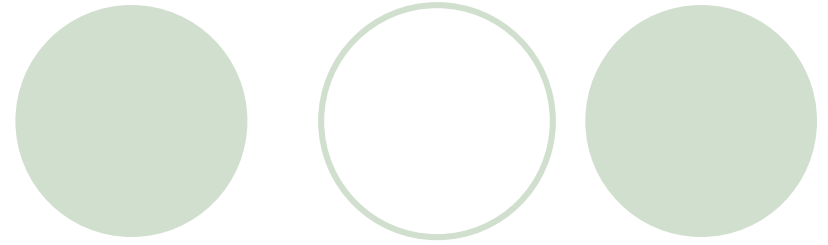
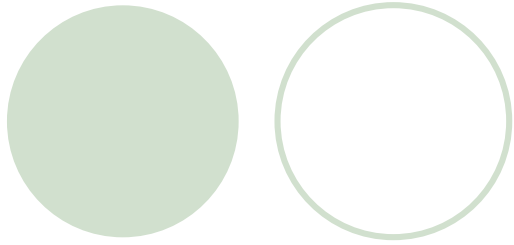
Supplemental

P or F

- Deferrals

- Reserved for those students who are prevented from completing their practica due to medical or other extenuating circumstances.

- Minimum of 5 weeks must be completed in order to be considered eligible for a deferral.



- Deferrals (continued)
 - Students who qualify complete the remaining time of their practicum in the fall, (ideally) at the same sponsor school.
 - There is no cost.
 - Transcript will read:
EDUC 421 SD
 - The SD standing will change to either a P or F after the remainder of the practicum is completed.
 - Students may proceed to the CFE and all summer course work.



● Fails and Withdrawals (continued)

- Reminder – you have four academic years to complete the B Ed program.
- Students should inquire about re-instatement to the program sometime during summer session.
- Students will not be permitted to proceed to the CFE.
- Students are permitted to register for all summer course work with the exception of EDUC 452 (Inquiry 3).
- Students may be required to take specific course work in the summer term, which may impact timetabling options.



Myth & Misconception #14

Any decisions made regarding
final standings in EDUC 421
can be appealed.

FACT

Appeals



- All students have the right to appeal their standing on the practicum.
- There are three levels of appeal:
 1. Teacher Education Office (Dr. McTavish)
 2. Faculty of Education (CCASA)
 3. University Senate
- All appeals must be received within 30 days of you being informed of your standing on the practicum.



Myth & Misconception #15

The practicum is officially over
on Friday, April 24th .

MYTH

Completing the Practicum

- When is your practicum officially over?
 - Only when you have completed all of the activities associated with the practicum, that you have agreed to perform*:
 - Marking
 - Field trip supervision
 - Professional Development
 - Extra-Curricular Activities

*these should not conflict with your summer courses!


Myth & Misconception #16



Upon successful completion of your practicum and summer courses, the TEO will forward your final reports, transcripts, and recommendation for certification to the TCB and the TQS.

MYTH

TCB/TQS



- At the conclusion of your program, we will forward the following to the TCB/TQS:
 - Your official UBC transcript
 - Our recommendation that you be certified
- You are responsible for the following:
 - Any non-UBC transcripts
 - Your final practicum reports – which **MUST** be signed!!
- Remember there will be a TCB/TQS info session on Thursday January 23 @ 1230 PM.