Supporting New Teacher’s Practice
Program Flyer

What is the program about?

Supporting New Teacher’s Practice is a development opportunity for teachers new to the profession. The program aims to enhance the quality of teaching of new teachers through customised workshops and the support of an online coach.

Participants will work collaboratively in an Ultranet Supporting New Teacher’s Practice Design Space to identify and address the challenges of practice they face in the classroom.

Who is the program designed for?

Graduate teachers who are in their first year of teaching. Mentors will be invited to attend Day 1 of the first workshop.

What will I learn?

On completing this program you will:

- understand how to use evidence to identify a challenge of practice
- have a common language through which to explore teacher practice through the use of the e5 Instructional Model
- be supported to apply the theoretical knowledge acquired in your teacher preparation program to the complexity of real life teaching.

How much time will I need to commit to?

Supporting New Teacher’s Practice is intended to support you to have a successful first year of teaching, not add to your workload.

You will participate in an initial 2 day face-to-face workshop followed by one online workshop per term which will run after school for 30-60 minutes.

The Design Space will allow you to contribute to discussions, post messages and access resources at a time that suits you.

How will the program work with my VIT registration requirements?

Supporting New Teacher’s Practice has been designed to support you to achieve full VIT registration. The actions that you take to improve your
classroom practice throughout the program can be used as your evidence of professional practice for the purposes of VIT registration.

Participation in the program will also contribute to the professional learning activities that you are required to record as a provisionally registered teacher.

Why are mentors invited to Day 1 of the first workshop?
Mentors play a key role in supporting beginning teachers to reflect upon their teaching and question their practice. We ask that mentors participate in the first day of the program as it is important that they are aware of how the program complements what they are already doing in their role as mentor and how they can support you in applying the program learning into your practice.

Does the Ultranet Design Space mean that most of the program is conducted online?
Yes, a majority of the program will be conducted online through a Design Space. We recognise that it is difficult for new teachers to be away from their students so have provided a space where first year teachers from across the state can learn together and support each other to have a successful first year.

Following the initial 2 day face-to-face workshop, you will become a member of an online community that will operate out of the Design Space. Each community will be assigned an online coach who you will meet and begin working with at the first workshop.

Online workshops will run once a term throughout the program and will respond to your learning needs. An online Café has been set up to enable you to interact with other new teachers who may or may not be a member of your online community.

If the program is online, why do I need to go to the 2 day workshop?
It is important that you attend the initial 2 day face-to-face workshop as it is an opportunity for you to:

- develop foundational knowledge about e5 and how it can support you to analyse and reflect on your practice.
- meet the people that you will be working with online including your online coach and community members.

What are the key program dates?
Workshop 1 will commence in various locations across the state in May 2011. Full program dates are available at the web link below.

Who do I contact for further information?
To find out more about the program please contact the Teacher and Education Support Development Unit by phone on 9637 3716 or email at teacher.development@edumail.vic.gov.au.

How do I enrol?