

# TEAC 4010 RESEARCHING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102657

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**Description** The unit is designed to develop students' skills and expertise in investigating their own teaching in Science and Technology. The unit facilitates a researcherly disposition towards their own professional practice. Students will focus on a specific aspect of their teaching practice related to the concept of engagement and critically reflect upon their own evolving professional identity, philosophy and practice. The unit draws upon key principles and methods of participatory action research to facilitate students' skills and expertise as teacher-researchers. Students will plan an action research proposal that could be implemented in their future practice.

**School** Education

**Discipline** Teacher Education: Primary

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 4 subject

**Restrictions** Students must be enrolled in and have successfully completed 240 credit points in the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Understand contemporary approaches to teaching and learning, with a specific focus on issues and practices surrounding student engagement and quality teaching;
2. Apply these contemporary approaches through the analysis and critique of professional teaching practice;
3. Apply technological, curriculum content and pedagogical knowledge and skills learnt in previous units to inform investigations of their own teaching practices and research process;
4. Demonstrate an understanding of principles and methods of action research to inform teaching plans and evaluation of teaching;
5. Design an action research project utilising principles of participatory action research and self-reflective practice, focusing on own self as pre-service teacher;
6. Demonstrate an appreciation of research as part of professional practice.

## Subject Content

1. Critical self-reflective practice and analytical skills
2. Principles and methods of participatory action research and the research cycle
3. Relationship between researcher and practitioner
4. Fair Go Pedagogies: The MeE Framework of substantive student engagement
  - engaging discourses (links with other units challenging dominant discourses)
  - individual Motivational strategies

### Prescribed Texts

- McNiff, J. (2016). You and your action research project. Milton Park, Abingdon, England: Routledge. Taylor & Francis Group. (ESPECIALLY Chapters 5-6-7-8.)
- Munns, G., Sawyer, W., & Cole, B. (Eds.). (2013). Exemplary teachers of students in poverty. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- Sawyer, W., Munns, G., Zammit, K., Attard, C, Vass, E. & Hatton, C. (2018). Engaging Schooling: Developing Exemplary Education for Students in Poverty. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

### Teaching Periods