Non Credit Practicum Placement through
Gyeongin National University of Education (GINUE) – FAQs

1. Who can participate in the placement program?
The placements through GINUE are only open to Faculty of Education undergraduate students who have completed their IFX or AFX, have not yet been cleared for graduation or convocated, and are in good academic standing. Graduating participants may be required to maintain registration in Abrod 800 for the duration of their placement.

If conditionally accepted, students who are in the IFX in Winter 2018 will be asked to submit verification of successful completion. Any offer of a placement made prior to completion of the IFX would be conditional upon this verification.

2. Does the practicum placement count towards my program and certification requirements?
No. The placement cannot be used to meet any program requirement for the BEd Degree, nor does it meet any requirements for certification. The placement is an opportunity for students to gain additional teaching experience in a unique international setting.

3. What are the expectations for the practicum placement?
Students who take part in the program are expected to assist with teaching in school placements organized by Gyeongin National University of Education. The nature of each placement will differ according to context, mentor teacher needs, and student capabilities. The remainder of time during school hours is to be dedicated to preparation, observation, and other activities at the school. Students will be supported by Mentor Teachers and will have access to resources to assist them in planning classes.

4. What happens after I complete my placement?
Students may request a certificate of participation through the International Office for their portfolios. Beyond that, it would be the responsibility of the students to request, should they wish, a letter of reference or similar document from the school. As with any such request, it may or may not be possible for the school to provide such a letter for a number of reasons.

Participation and feedback in the placement has no bearing on a student’s academic performance, program requirements or certification. It is the student’s choice and decision whether to share or use the feedback provided.

5. How does participation affect the timing of my program and graduation?
Graduation for students participating in a placement with completion in June 2018 may be postponed until November 2018, given all program requirements have been met satisfactorily. We will work with the Faculty of Education Undergraduate Student Services to test if students may be able to apply for graduation while on their placements.

6. I have completed all my program requirements and applied for teaching positions prior to the commencement of my placement. What happens if I am offered a position?
We will work with the Faculty of Undergraduate Student Services to test if students may be able to request a letter confirming that all program requirements have been completed to apply for a Letter of Authority to give to their prospective employer.

7. How can I learn more about site-specific or other information?
Questions can be addressed to the Faculty of Education’s International Office (see contact info below) from where they will be shared with relevant parties and addressed as best as possible. Questions can be addressed to:
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