**Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)**

**Exemption from MA Education Programmes: Independent Study (Module EFPM327)**

It is possible to claim exemption from 30 credits for the Independent Study module if you have acquired the relevant knowledge, understanding and skills through experience. The Independent Study module allows students to pursue their own interests in education and to undertake their own educational investigations. Students on the module might, for example: research the development of a set of resources for a particular aspect of their teaching; investigate a particular form of assessment; explore a political, historical, philosophical or social perspective on education; or work on a leadership issue.

To claim exemption, students must submit a portfolio of written evidence to demonstrate they have met the intended learning outcomes of the module. This evidence can be through experience in their professional duties and/or professional development activities. The evidence must reflect the achievement of learning, or outcomes of the learning, and not just the experience of the activities that is being accredited.

The table below includes the intended learning outcomes for the 30 credits. When applying for exemption please complete the ‘student notes’ column to illustrate how your previous experience relates to the module intended learning outcomes. The application for exemption will be reviewed by your programme lead.

The criteria used to judge the submission will be:

 The quality of the work in comparison to that expected on the Independent Study module

 The extent to which the experiential learning matches the intended learning outcomes of the module.

Exemption must normally be applied for when you apply for the MA Education programme.

If your application is successful, you will be charged 25% of the normal rate per module for the 30 credit module that has been waived under the APEL process. The 2019/20 fee rate for UK/EU students is £1200\* per 30 credits so you will pay only £300 for exemption from a 30 credit module. Half of this fee, £150, is due when you send in this form. This money is not refundable even if it is felt you have failed to meet the learning outcomes for the module. The remaining £150 is payable when your application for APEL is accepted.

\*(the fee rate is £2950 per 30 credit module for International Students – you will pay £737.50 for exemption from 30 credits with £368.75 payable on application and the remaining £368.75 payable when your application for APEL is accepted)

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| **EFPM327 Independent Study Module 30 credits** |
| **Further guidance to note:**The type of evidence you provide will vary and will depend on your experience. It may include, for example, annotated lesson plans or schemes of work, research projects, professional development activities, analysis of school data. As stated above, the evidence must reflect the achievement of learning, or outcomes of the learning, and not just the experience of the activities that is being accredited. If the Programme Director feels, when reviewing your application, that the evidence you have provided is not sufficient then you will be given the opportunity to amend your application and/or provide further evidence. |
| **Intended Learning Outcomes Student Notes** |
| **Module Specific Skills:** |  |
| 1. Demonstrate systematic understanding of a specific educational issue |  |
| 2. Demonstrate your knowledge of a particular educational issue and its pedagogical implications |  |
| 3. Demonstrate critical awareness of a particular educational issue |  |
| **Discipline Specific Skills and Knowledge** |  |
| 4. Critically evaluate academic and other resource material |  |
| 5. Synthesise material relevant to a specific educational topic |  |
| 6. Use appropriate technologies for handling resources and data relevant to a specific educational topic |  |
| 7. Present data and findings in a form appropriate for educational contexts |  |
| **Personal and Key Transferable/ Employment Skills and Knowledge:** |  |
| 8. Manage your own learning and show the independence required for masters level work |  |
| 9. Demonstrate effective communication by expressing ideas and opinions, with confidence and clarity, to a variety of audiences for a variety of purposes |  |
| 10. Think creatively about the main features of a given problem and develop strategies for its resolution |  |