



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
Name of External Examiner:	DR ANDREW RICHARDS		
Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	UNIVERSITY OF EXETER		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2013-2014	Date of Report:	14 JUL 14

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For the purposes of completing this report I reviewed the work of 21 students, ten from the 11-14 cohort; eight from the 12-15 cohort and three from the 13-16 cohort. In total I looked at 28 assignments as I reviewed a range of assignments for some students. In addition I met all of the 11-14 cohort individually.

1. Programme Structure

The programme is well designed and coherent supported by the framework for professional practice described and published by the programme team. The programme clearly meets the requirements of the statutory regulator and the professional body as they have both approved and accredited the course.

2. Academic Standards

The standards achieved by the students on this course are in line with the national benchmarks and commensurate with the standards at other universities with which I am familiar.

3. The Assessment Process

The assessment processes are well designed, they are applied fairly and students will have no difficulty in understanding why they have received the grade that they were awarded. The assessments map onto the intended learning outcomes well. I believe that the processes have been conducted in line with the University of Cardiff policies and regulations.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

The comments made in my last external examiners report have been responded to appropriately and in ways that will enhance the experiences of students taking this course.

5. Preparation / Induction Activity (for new External Examiners only)

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

My comments relate to the very good focused and practical feedback given to the students following the submission of assignments. The comments will enable the students to produce work of an even better quality in future submissions.

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

8. Annual Report Checklist

Please include appropriate comments within Sections 1-7 above for any answer of 'No'.

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
Programme/Course Information				
8.1	Did you receive sufficient information about the Programme and its contents, learning outcomes and assessments?	Y		
8.2	Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the Programme?	Y		
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?			X
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?			X
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?			X
Marking Examination Scripts				
8.6	Did you receive a sufficient number of scripts to be able to assess whether the internal marking and classifications were appropriate and consistent?			X
8.7	Was the general standard and consistency of marking appropriate?			X
8.8	Were the scripts marked in such a way as to enable you to see the reasons for the award of given marks?			X
8.9	Were you satisfied with the standard and consistency of marking applied by the internal examiners?			X
8.10	In your judgement, did you have the opportunity to examine a sufficient cross-section of candidates' work contributing to the final assessment?			X
Coursework and Practical Assessments				
8.11	Was the choice of subjects for coursework and / or practical assessments appropriate?	Y		
8.12	Were you afforded access to an appropriate sample of coursework and / or practical assessments?	Y		
8.13	Was the method and general standard of assessment appropriate?	Y		
8.14	Is sufficient feedback provided to students on their assessed work?	Y		
Clinical Examinations (if applicable)				
8.15	Were satisfactory arrangements made for the conduct of clinical assessments?			X
Sampling of Work				
8.16	Were you afforded sufficient time to consider samples of assessed work?	Y		
Examining Board Meeting				

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
8.17	Were you able to attend the Examining Board meeting?	Y		
8.18	Was the Examining Board conducted properly, in accordance with established procedures and to your satisfaction?	Y		
8.19	Cardiff University recognises the productive contribution of External Examiners to the assessment process and, in particular, to the work of the Examining Board. Have you had adequate opportunities to discuss the Programme and any outstanding concerns with the Examining Board or its officers?	Y		
Joint Examining Board Meeting (if applicable)				
8.20	Did you attend a Composite Examining Board, i.e. one convened to consider the award of Joint Honours degrees?			X
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?			X
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?			X

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