Professional competencies

Foundations

1. To act as a professional inheritor, critic and interpreter of knowledge or culture when teaching students.
2. To communicate clearly in the language of instruction, both orally and in writing, using correct grammar, in various contexts related to teaching.

Teaching act

3. To develop teaching/learning situations that are appropriate to the students concerned and the subject content with a view to developing the competencies targeted in the programs of study.
4. To pilot teaching/learning situations that are appropriate to the students concerned and to the subject content with a view to developing the competencies targeted in the programs of study.
5. To evaluate student progress in learning the subject content and mastering the related competencies.
6. To plan, organize and supervise a class in such a way as to promote students' learning and social development.

Social and educational context

7. To adapt his or her teaching to the needs and characteristics of students with learning disabilities, social maladjustments or handicaps.
8. To integrate information and communications technologies (ICT) in the preparation and delivery of teaching/learning activities and for instructional management and professional development purposes.
9. To cooperate with school staff, parents, partners in the community and students in pursuing the educational objectives of the school.
10. To cooperate with members of the teaching team in carrying out tasks involving the development and evaluation of the competencies targeted in the programs of study, taking into account the students concerned.

Professional identity

11. To engage in professional development individually and with others.
12. To demonstrate ethical and responsible professional behaviour in the performance of his or her duties.
COMPETENCY N° 1

To act as a professional inheritor, critic and interpreter of knowledge or culture when teaching students.

FEATURES

- Situates the discipline’s basic benchmarks and points of understanding (concepts, postulates and methods) in order to facilitate significant, in-depth learning by students.
- Adopts a critical approach to the subject matter.
- Establishes links between the secondary culture set out in the program and the secondary culture of the students.
- Transforms the classroom into a cultural base open to a range of different viewpoints within a common space.
- Casts a critical look at his or her own origins, cultural practices and social role.

LEVEL OF MASTERY

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- understand the subject-specific and program-specific knowledge to be taught, so as to be able to promote the creation of meaningful links by the students;
- exhibit a critical understanding of his or her cultural development and be aware of its potential and limitations;
- exhibit a critical understanding of the knowledge to be taught, so as to promote the creation of meaningful links by the students;
- Establish links with the students’ culture in the proposed learning activities.
COMPETENCY N° 2

To communicate clearly in the language of instruction, both orally and in writing, using correct grammar, in various contexts related to teaching.

FEATURES

- Uses appropriate language when speaking to students, parents and peers.
- Observes rules of grammar and stylistics when writing texts intended for students, parents or peers.
- Is able to take up a position, support his or her ideas and argue his or her subject matter in a consistent, effective, constructive and respectful way during discussions.
- Communicates ideas concisely using precise vocabulary and correct syntax.
- Corrects the mistakes students make when speaking and writing.
- Constantly strives to improve his or her own oral and written language skills.

LEVEL OF MASTERY

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- master the rules of oral and written expression so as to be understood by most of the linguistic community;
- Express himself or herself with the ease, precision, efficiency and accuracy expected by society of a teaching professional.
To develop teaching/learning situations that are appropriate to the students concerned and the subject content with a view to developing the competencies targeted in the programs of study.

COMPETENCY Nº 3

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- develop appropriate and varied teaching/learning situations involving a reasonable level of complexity that enable students to progress in the development of their competencies;
- Build these activities into a long-term plan.

FEATURES

- Bases the selection and content of teaching sequences on data drawn from recent didactical and pedagogical research.
- Selects and interprets subject-specific knowledge in terms of the aims, competencies and subject content specified in the program of study.
- Plans teaching and evaluation sequences taking into account the logic of the content to be taught and the development of learning.
- Takes into account the prerequisites, conceptions, social differences (i.e. gender, ethnic origin, socio-economic and cultural differences), needs and special interests of the students when developing teaching/learning situations.
- Selects diverse instructional approaches that are suited to the development of the competencies targeted in the programs of study.
- Anticipates obstacles to learning posed by the content to be taught.
- Plans learning situations that provide opportunities to apply competencies in different contexts.

LEVEL OF MASTERY
To pilot teaching/learning situations that are appropriate to the students concerned and to the subject content with a view to developing the competencies targeted in the programs of study.

COMPETENCY N° 4

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- guide students, through appropriate interventions, in carrying out learning tasks;
- lead the students to work together in cooperation;
- Detect teaching/learning problems that arise and use the appropriate resources to remedy them.

Features

- Creates conditions in which students can engage in meaningful problem situations, tasks or projects, based on their cognitive, emotional and social characteristics.
- Provides students with the resources they need to take part in the learning situations.
- Guides students in selecting, interpreting and understanding the information provided in the various resources and in understanding the elements of a problem situation or the requirements of a task or project.
- Supports student learning by asking questions and providing frequent and relevant feedback to promote the integration and transfer of learning.
- Encourages teamwork.

Level of Mastery

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To evaluate student progress in learning the subject content and mastering the related competencies.

**COMPETENCY Nº 5**

**LEVEL OF MASTERY**

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:
- detect the strengths and weaknesses of the students in a learning situation;
- identify some of the adjustments required in his or her teaching on his or her own;
- in cooperation with colleagues, design evaluation materials, interpret the work of students in terms of their mastery of the competencies, and develop tools for communicating with parents;
- Inform the students of the results of a diagnostic evaluation process and inform parents and members of the teaching team of the corrective intervention strategy elements envisaged.

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**FEATURES**

- Gathers information as students are engaged in a learning situation in order to identify their strengths and weaknesses and to review and adapt his or her teaching accordingly to help them progress.
- Takes stock of the learning acquired by students in order to assess their mastery of the related competencies.
- Designs or uses tools to evaluate student progress and mastery of competencies.
- Communicates expected outcomes to students and parents and provides feedback on student progress and mastery of competencies using clear, simple language.
- Works with the teaching team to determine the desired stages and rate of progression within the cycle concerned.
To plan, organize and supervise a class in such a way as to promote students' learning and social development.

**COMPETENCY Nº 6**

**FEATURES**
- Develops and implements an efficient system for running regular classroom activities.
- Communicates clear requirements regarding appropriate school and social behaviour and makes sure that students meet those requirements.
- Involves students on an individual or a group basis in setting standards for the smooth running of the class.
- Develops strategies for preventing inappropriate behaviour and dealing effectively with it when it occurs.
- Maintains a classroom climate that is conducive to learning.

**LEVEL OF MASTERY**
By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:
- introduce and maintain routines that ensure the smooth running of regular classroom activities;
- identify and correct organizational problems that hinder the smooth running of the class;
- anticipate some of the organizational problems that hinder the smooth running of the class and plan measures to prevent them;
- Establish and apply methods that can be used to solve problems with students who exhibit inappropriate behaviours.
To adapt his or her teaching to the needs and characteristics of students with learning disabilities, social maladjustments or handicaps.

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:
- Cooperate in the development and implementation of individualized education plans designed for students under his or her responsibility.

**Features**
- Facilitates the educational and social integration of students with learning disabilities, social maladjustments or handicaps.
- Consults resource people and parents to obtain background information on students with difficulties (needs, progress, etc.).
- Proposes learning tasks, challenges and roles within the class that help students to progress.
- Participates in developing and implementing individualized education plans.

**Level of Mastery**
To integrate information and communications technologies (ICT) in the preparation and delivery of teaching/learning activities and for instructional management and professional development purposes.

**COMPETENCY Nº 8**

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- Demonstrate critical judgment regarding the real benefits and limitations of ICT as teaching and learning resources;
- Demonstrate a general understanding of the possibilities offered by ICT (and the Internet in particular) for teaching and learning, and know how to integrate ICT in a functional manner into teaching/learning activities, when appropriate;
- Use ICT effectively in different aspects of his or her intellectual and professional life: communication, research, information processing, evaluation, interaction with colleagues or experts, etc.;
- Effectively transmit the ability to use ICT to his or her students in order to support the collective construction of learning in a well-structured, critical manner.

**FEATURES**

- Exercises critical judgment regarding the real benefits and limitations of ICT as teaching and learning resources, and regarding the social issues they raise.
- Assesses the instructional potential of computer applications and networking technology in relation to the development of the competencies targeted in the programs of study.
- Communicates using various multimedia resources.
- Uses ICT effectively to search for, interpret and communicate information and to solve problems.
- Uses ICT effectively to build networks that facilitate information sharing and professional development with respect to his or her own field of teaching or teaching practice.
- Helps students to familiarize themselves with ICT, to use ICT to carry out learning activities, to assess their own use of ICT, and to exercise critical judgment regarding the information they find on the Internet.

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COMPETENCY N° 9

To cooperate with school staff, parents, partners in the community and students in pursuing the educational objectives of the school.

LEVEL OF MASTERY

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- situate his or her role in relation to that played by other internal or external resource persons;
- adjust his or her actions to the educational objectives of the school and contribute to the attainment of these objectives by becoming personally involved in school projects;
- Start building a trusting relationship with parents.

FEATURES

- Collaborates with other members of the school staff in defining orientations, and developing and implementing projects related to educational services in areas falling under the responsibility of the school.
- Informs parents and encourages them to become actively involved.
- Coordinates his or her actions with those of the school’s various partners.
- Supports students involved in the administrative structures of the school or in school activities or projects.
To cooperate with members of the teaching team in carrying out tasks involving the development and evaluation of the competencies targeted in the programs of study, taking into account the students concerned.

**COMPETENCY Nº 10**

**FEATURES**

- Recognizes instances where cooperation with other members of the teaching team is required in order to design or adapt teaching/learning situations, to evaluate student learning or to promote the mastery of competencies by the end of the cycle.
- Develops and organizes a project appropriate to the objectives to be attained by the teaching team.
- Cooperates in an active, ongoing manner with the teaching teams working with the same students.
- Helps build consensus, when required, among members of the teaching team.

**LEVEL OF MASTERY**

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- contribute to the work of the teaching team in an effective manner;
- Provide constructive criticism and make innovative suggestions with respect to the team's work.
To engage in professional development individually and with others.

### Competency No. 11

**Features**

- Takes stock of his or her competencies and takes steps to develop them using available resources.
- Discusses the relevance of his or her pedagogical choices with his or her colleagues.
- Reflects on his or her practice (reflective analysis) and makes the appropriate adjustments.
- Spearheads projects to solve teaching problems.
- Involves peers in research related to the mastery of the competencies targeted in the programs of study and to the educational objectives of the school.

**Level of Mastery**

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- identify, understand and use available resources (research reports and professional literature, pedagogical networks, professional associations, data banks) related to teaching;
- identify his or her strengths and limitations, along with his or her personal objectives and the means of achieving them;
- engage in rigorous reflexive analysis on specific aspects of his or her teaching;
- Undertake research projects related to specific aspects of his or her teaching.
COMPETENCY Nº 12

To demonstrate ethical and responsible professional behaviour in the performance of his or her duties.

FEATURES

- Understands the values underlying his or her teaching.
- Manages his or her class in a democratic way.
- Provides students with appropriate attention and support.
- Justifies his or her decisions concerning the learning and education of students to the parties concerned.
- Respects the confidential nature of certain aspects of his or her work.
- Avoids any form of discrimination toward students, parents or colleagues.
- Situates the moral conflicts arising in class with reference to the major schools of thought.
- Demonstrates sound judgment in using the legal and regulatory framework governing the teaching profession.

LEVEL OF MASTERY

By the end of his or her initial training, the student teacher should be able to:

- demonstrate sufficient responsibility in dealings with students that one can recommend with no reservations that a class be entrusted to his or her care;
- Answer to others for his or her actions by providing well-founded reasons.