

Professional Practitioner Portfolio

What do I know already? / What have I learnt so far?

During my 3 years in a primary setting, I have encountered many situations. All of which I have learned from. I have completed all E-modules, and various safeguarding and handling training sessions. As a result, I have a great understanding of safeguarding procedures, especially when approached with issues by younger children, and the appropriate response needed by professionals. Also, I have become adept at basic first aid and wound care, when dealing with minor to severe injuries with children of all ages.

What do I want to develop?

I would like to further advance my professional understanding of child development, and therefore be educated with a wide knowledge of children's individual behavioural and communicational skills and difficulties, whilst advancing my comprehension of complex learning needs and developmental disabilities. This would be extremely useful when becoming a teacher, in order to correctly differentiate during lessons, and ensuring I accommodate every child's need to the best of my ability.

Objective:	Actions:	Resources:	Target Date:	Success Criteria:
Develop my confidence in presenting and public speaking.	I will be building my confidence as I continue with my degree, by partaking in individual and group-assigned presentations.	As my first assignment was a presentation, the feedback will greatly benefit my future presentations; as I will be aware of the skills and information that are necessary to develop.	By the time I complete my degree, I will be confident in presenting, from the practice I have had during specifically presentation assignments.	A portion of the course assignments will be presentations. Therefore, I will improve with each assignment as a result of the feedback received from past presentations.
Graduate with a PGCE to become a teacher.	By November 2024, I will have needed to apply for the primary PGCE course, to ensure that I receive a place with the university of my choice.	I will seek support from my lecturers and colleagues for my personal statements. A meeting with the careers adviser after completing my PGCE will be necessary to receive an accurate action plan to seek further opportunities.	As a PGCE is a year's degree, I will be graduating by 2026. Following this, by the Autumn term, I would start my profession as a qualified teacher.	I will undergo an in-depth job search and various interviews – reflecting on the advantages and disadvantages of each one - to therefore venture into employment and secure my occupation within a primary school.
Become a first aider within a primary school.	By attending multiple courses - Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First Aid, and First Aid at Work – and also achieve a Level 3 First Aid at Work Certificate.	It will be crucial to attend these mandatory courses and therefore will need allocated leave of absence by my employer to attend.	As a result of there being a plethora of courses, I will obtain this status shortly after 2 years of becoming a qualified teacher.	In many primary settings, there is a head or main first aider. By obtaining this title, I will have achieved my goal. Although, I will continue to seek further training to stay up-to-date.

