

LEVEL 6 ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION

Student name:		Student ID number:	
Programme:	Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PCET)		
Module:	Managing Behaviour and Supporting Learner Engagement		
Module code:	ECPT6005	Contribution to Overall Module Assessment (%):	100%
Lecturer:	Katie Gardner	Internal Verifier:	Caroline Lewis
Assignment Title:	Reflective assignment	Word count (or equivalent):	2500 words
Submission deadline:	20.02.2026	Return date of provisional marks & written feedback:	20.03.2026
Submission method:	All written assessments, where practical and possible, must be submitted via Turnitin unless otherwise instructed by the Lecturer. (Please DO NOT put this assessment specification into Turnitin or it will match many similarities with other students' submissions.) Alternative submission method (if applicable): Late submission of the assessment will result in a late penalty mark. Penalties for late submission: Up to one week late, maximum mark of 40%. Over one week late, 0%. Only the Extenuating Circumstances Panel may approve a change to submission dates.		
Academic honesty / referencing:	Academic honesty is required. In the main body of your submission you must give credit to authors on whose research and ideas your work is based. Append to your submission a reference list that indicates the books, articles, etc. that you have used, cited or quoted in order to complete this assessment.		

Module Learning Outcomes (from module syllabus)
• Articulate a systematic understanding of a range of behaviour management models suitable for use with young people and adults • Reflect on own skills and identify appropriate targets for future professional development

TASK DESCRIPTION

Use of Generative AI in Assessment

RESEARCH	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to support you in research, including searching for bibliography, using tools to summarise, compare and interrogate materials.	Yes ☒ No ☐
STRUCTURE	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to support you in structuring your submission, including creating a draft argument structure, identifying parts and headings, etc.	Yes ☒ No ☐
PROOFREADING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to check your own text/creation for grammatical and syntactical mistakes, including rephrasing of your own work within specific standards.	Yes ☒ No ☐
WRITING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create text for submission.	Yes ☐ No ☒
CREATIVE	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create creative materials, such as images.	Yes ☐ No ☒
PROGRAMMING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create and check code.	Yes ☐

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NONE	For this assessment, you are not allowed to use any type of Generative AI support. This includes research support, structure support, writing/proofreading support and creative support.	Yes ☐ No ☒

Reflective report

Part 1 Essay (1300 words)

Students will be required to produce an academic essay that outlines current thinking and guidance in relation to behaviour management and effective learner engagement from an academic as well as legislative perspective. Students will need to consider the potential effectiveness of such strategies to post-compulsory learners as well as any challenges and ensure that they support their work with relevant reading and references throughout. This part of the assignment should be considered as an academic piece of writing, and therefore written and presented as such.

Part 2 Reflective account (1200 words)

Students will be required to undertake **two observations** of teaching professionals with a specific focus on how learner engagement was managed during the sessions and reflect critically on strategies and approaches used. Students are reminded to adhere to the professional protocol for observing and commenting on the work of other professionals. They will also be required to reflect critically on at least **one episode of own teaching practice** in relation to their own experienced of managing behaviour within the setting. There should be a focus on the teaching and learning approaches used and consideration given to best practice and implications for the student's own teaching practice.

A consideration of potential targets for future professional development in relation to behaviour management/learner engagement skills will also be required within the appendices and is not included as part of the word count.

Guidance for submission

Your final submission should include the following:

- Part 1 essay (1300 words total)
- Part 2 reflective account (1200 words)
- Reference list
- Appendices (not included in word count) – to include:
 - b. Copies of the teacher observation forms for the two observations undertaken.
 - c. Lesson plan for own teaching session that is being reflected on for Part 2
 - d. SMART Action plan for professional development in relation to behaviour management/learner engagement.

GUIDANCE FOR Students IN THE COMPLETION OF TASKS

NOTE: The guidance offered below is linked to the five generic assessment criteria overleaf.

1. Engagement with Literature Skills

Your work must be informed and supported by scholarly material that is *relevant* to and *focused* on the task(s) set; you should make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources, where appropriate (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline). You should provide evidence that you have accessed a wide *range* of sources, which may be academic, governmental and industrial; these sources may include academic journal articles, textbooks, current news articles, organisational documents, and websites. You should consider the *credibility* of your sources; academic journals are normally highly credible sources while websites require careful consideration/selection and should be used sparingly. Any sources you use should be current and up-to-date, mostly published within the last five years or so, though seminal/important works in the field may be older. You must provide *evidence* of your research/own reading throughout your work, using a suitable referencing system, including in-text citations in the main body of your work and a reference list at the end of your work.

Guidance specific to this assessment:

Students will need to demonstrate engagement with appropriate reading that is related to behaviour management and/or learner engagement and how this can be applied within the post-16 classroom. Literature used should be appropriately cited and reflective of current thinking and practice and be utilised to support their writing throughout. An accurate reference list should be supplied that conforms to the UWTSD conventions.

2. Knowledge and Understanding Skills

At level 6, you should be able to demonstrate coherent and detailed knowledge and a systematic understanding of the subject area, at least some of which is informed by the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline. You should be aware of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Your work must demonstrate the growing extent of your knowledge and systematic understanding of concepts and underlying principles associated with the subject area. *Knowledge* relates to the facts, information and skills you have acquired through your learning. You demonstrate your *understanding* by interpreting the meaning of the facts and information (knowledge). This means that you need to select and include in your work the concepts, techniques, models,

theories, etc. appropriate to the task(s) set. You should be able to explain the theories, concepts, etc. meaningfully to show your understanding. Your mark/grade will also depend upon the *extent* to which you demonstrate your knowledge and understanding; ideally each should be complete and detailed, with comprehensive coverage.

Guidance specific to this assessment:

Students will be expected to show an understanding of what is considered good practice within the context of behaviour management and learner engagement and show an awareness as to how this can be applied in practice.

3. Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

You should be able to: critically evaluate evidence, arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data some of which are at the forefront of a discipline (and that may be incomplete) to devise and sustain arguments, to make judgements and/or solve problems; describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline Your work must contain evidence of logical, analytical thinking, evaluation and synthesis. For example, to examine and break information down into parts, make inferences, compile, compare and contrast information. This means not just describing what! But also justifying: Why? How? When? Who? Where? At what cost? At all times, you must provide justification for your arguments and judgements. Evidence that you have reflected upon the ideas of others within the subject area is crucial to you providing a reasoned and informed debate within your work. Furthermore, you should provide evidence that you are able to make sound judgements and convincing arguments using data and concepts. Sound, valid conclusions are necessary and must be derived from the content of your work. Where relevant, alternative solutions and recommendations may be proposed.

Guidance specific to this assessment:

Part 1 of the assignment should demonstrate a clear engagement with the principles of effective behaviour management and learner engagement and a comprehension of its applicability to post-16 learners in particular. Students should be able to demonstrate an awareness of any potential challenges in relation to the post-compulsory sector in particular and how these can be responded to within the classroom setting. There should be clear links to relevant policy and legislation within this.

4. Practical Skills

At level 6, you should be able to apply the methods and techniques that you have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply your knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects. You will deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry relevant to the discipline, and apply them in complex and unpredictable contexts, to devise and sustain arguments and/or to solve problems. You should be able to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions. You should be able to demonstrate how the subject-related concepts and ideas relate to real world situations and/or a particular context. How do they work in practice? You will deploy models, methods, techniques, and/or theories, in that context or circumstances, to assess current situations, perhaps to formulate plans or solutions to solve problems, or to create artefacts, some of which may be innovative and creative. This is likely to involve, for instance, the use of real world artefacts, examples and cases, the application of a model within an organisation and/or benchmarking one theory or organisation against others based on stated criteria. You should show awareness of the limitations of concepts and theories when applied in particular contexts.

Guidance specific to this assessment:

Part 2 of the assignment should evidence clear reflection on own practice as well as that of others, indicating the learning gained from such reflections and how this will inform future targets for own teaching practice through the action plan constructed. This section should clearly demonstrate links to the professional standards.

5. Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice

Your work must provide evidence of the qualities and transferable skills necessary for graduate-level employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances. This includes demonstrating: the learning ability for professional development to advance existing skills and acquire new competences of a professional nature that will enable you to assume significant responsibility within organisations; that you can initiate and complete tasks and procedures, whether individually and/or collaboratively; that you can use appropriate media to effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences; fluency of expression; clarity and effectiveness in presentation and organisation. Work should be coherent and well-structured in presentation and organisation.

Guidance specific to this assessment:

Completion of work in accordance with UWTSD guidelines on the submission of assessments.

Student FEEDBACK FORM

This section details the *extent* to which the assessment criteria are demonstrated by you, which in turn determines your mark. The marks available for each category of skill are shown. Lecturers will use the space provided to comment on the achievement of the task(s), including those areas in which you have performed well and areas that would benefit from development/improvement.

Generic Assessment Criteria		Marks available	Marks awarded
1. Engagement with Literature Skills		10	
2. Knowledge and Understanding Skills		20	
3. Cognitive and Intellectual Skills		30	
4. Practical Application Skills		30	
5. Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice		10	
Assessment Mark (Assessment marks are subject to ratification at the Exam Board. These comments and marks are to give feedback on module work and are for guidance only until they are confirmed.)	Late Submission Penalties (tick if appropriate)		%
	Up to 1 week late (40% Max)		
	Over 1 week late (0%)		

GENERIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Level 6
In accordance with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, at the end of Level 6 students should have coherent and detailed knowledge and a systematic understanding of their subject area, at least some of which is informed by the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline. They will be able to accurately deploy established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline, using their conceptual understanding to devise and sustain arguments and/or to solve problems. They should be aware of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. They should be able to critically evaluate evidence, arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions. They will apply the methods and techniques that they have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply their knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects. They will have the ability to manage their own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline). They will demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility; decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts; the learning ability needed to undertake appropriate further training of a professional or equivalent nature.

Level 6	FAIL	MARGINAL FAIL	SATISFACTORY (3 rd / Pass)	GOOD (2.2 / Pass)	VERY GOOD (2.1 / Merit)	EXCELLENT (1 st / Distinction)	EXCEPTIONAL (1 st / Distinction)
Category	0-29%	30-39%	40-49%	50-59%	60-69%	70-84%	85-100%
Engagement with literature (including reading and/or reliance on	Little or no evidence of reading and/or reliance on	Poor engagement with essential reading. No evidence	Engagement with a limited range of mostly relevant and credible sources	Engagement with an appropriate range of research-	Engagement with a wide range of research-informed literature,	Engagement with an extensive range of relevant and credible	Exceptional engagement with an extensive range of relevant and credible

ing reading, referencing, academic conventions and academic honesty)	inappropriate sources. Views and findings mostly unsupported and non-authoritative. Referencing conventions used incoherently or largely absent.	use of wider reading. Reliance on inappropriate sources, and/or indiscriminate use of sources. Heavily reliant on information gained through class contact. Inconsistent and weak use of referencing.	. Some omissions and minor errors. Referencing conventions evident though not always applied accurately or consistently.	informed literature, including sources retrieved independently. Some over-reliance on texts. Referencing may show minor inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	including sources retrieved independently. Selection of relevant and credible sources. Very good use of referencing, with no/very few inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	literature, informed by the latest research. Consistently accurate application of referencing.	literature, informed by the latest research. High-level referencing skills consistently and professionally applied.
Knowledge and understanding (Coherent and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the subject area, at least some of which is informed by the	Major gaps in knowledge and systematic understanding of the subject matter. Substantial inaccuracies. No	Gaps in knowledge, with only superficial systematic understanding. Some significant inaccuracies and/or irrelevant material. No awareness of	Limited knowledge and systematic understanding of the relevant concepts and principles within the subject area which to some extent, is informed	Knowledge is reasonably detailed, accurate with a good systematic understanding of the field of study and to some extent,	Knowledge is reasonably extensive coherent and detailed. Exhibit very good understanding of the breadth and depth of established views, and the	Excellent coherence and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the principles and theories of current research and scholarship. Clear awareness	Exceptionally coherent and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the principles and theories of the subject, well-informed by current research and

latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.)	awareness of knowledge of the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.	knowledge of the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.	ed by current research and scholarship.	current research and scholarship.	work is, at least in part, well-informed by current research and scholarship.	of challenges to established views and the limitations of the knowledge base.	scholarship. A critical, sophisticated and nuanced awareness of the ambiguities and limitations of knowledge.
Cognitive and intellectual skills (Conceptual and critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation of research, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete); logic)	Wholly or almost wholly descriptive work. Little or no analysis, synthesis or evaluation. Failure to develop arguments, leading to illogical or invalid judgement.	Largely descriptive work, with superficial use of critical evaluation. Weak development of arguments and judgements. Information accepted uncritically, uses generalised	Limited attempt at critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation, tending towards description. Some evidence to support emerging arguments and judgements but these may be underdeveloped	Some critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Cannot analyse new and/or abstract concepts and data without guidance. An emerging awareness of different	Sound critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation demonstrating critical thinking. Ability to devise and sustain persuasive arguments, and to review the reliability, validity and significance of evidence (that may be incomplete) to	Excellent critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Ability to investigate contradictory or incomplete information and make strong, persuasive, argued judgements. Some evidence of independent thought and ability	Exceptional critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation based on judiciously selected evidence. Ability to investigate contradictory or incomplete information and make strong, persuasive,

c, argument and judgement.)	ments. Unsubstantiated generalisations, made without use of any credible evidence.	statements made with scant evidence and unsubstantiated opinions. Ideas sometimes illogical and contradictory.	ped or with a little inconsistency/ mis-interpretation. Asserts rather than argues a case.	stances and ability to use evidence (that may be incomplete) to support the argument. Mostly valid arguments and logical judgements. Some tendency to assert/state opinion rather than argue on the basis of reason and evidence.	make mostly appropriate and valid judgements.	to 'see beyond the question', suggesting a grasp of the broader field and wider concepts.	arguments and sophisticated, nuanced, judgements. Evidence of independent thought and ability to 'see beyond the question', suggesting an outstanding grasp of the broader field and wider concepts.
Practical skills (Apply/deploy accurately established tools)	Limited or no use of methods, materials, tools	Rudimentary application of methods, materials, tools and/or	An adequate awareness and mostly appropriate application of well-established	A good and appropriate application of standard	A very good application of a range of methods, materials, tools and	An advanced application of a range of methods, materials, tools and	Exceptional levels of application and deployment skills in unpredictable, complex situations.

and techniques; initiate and carry out projects; formulate solutions to solve problems in complex and unpredictable contexts.)	ols and/or techniques. Little or no appreciation of the context of the application. Limited understanding of the application of theory to practice or making appropriate links between the two. Very weak problem-solving skills in complex and unpredictable contexts.	techniques but without consideration and competence. Flawed appreciation of the context of the application. Weak understanding of the application of theory to practice, with only occasional evidence of making appropriate links between the two. Weak problem-solving skills in complex and	methods, materials, tools and/or techniques. Basic appreciation of the context of the application. Theoretical knowledge and understanding applied in practice, but not always making logical links between the two. Can identify problems and propose basic solutions in complex and unpredictable contexts without fully	methods, materials, tools and/or techniques. Clear appreciation of the context of the application. Mainly consistent, accurate and logical application of theory to practice, making appropriate links between the two Can identify problems and propose mostly appropriate solutions in complex and	nd/or techniques. Very good consideration of the context of the application, with perceptive insights. Can identify problems and propose appropriate solutions in complex and unpredictable contexts. Evidence of some innovation and creativity.	materials, tools and/or techniques. The context of the application is well considered, and insightful. Application and deployment extend beyond established conventions. Can identify complex problems and propose excellent solutions. Innovation and creativity evident.	practical contexts, drawing skilfully on the latest research within the discipline. Can identify complex problems and propose sophisticated solutions. As simulation and development of cutting edge processes and techniques.
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		unpredictable contexts.	appreciating the complexity.	unpredictable contexts.			
Transferable skills for life and professional practice (Exercise of initiative and personal responsibility; professional development; initiate and complete tasks and procedures: individually and/or collaboratively; use appropriate media to communicate effectively; fluency of expression; clarity)	Communication medium is inappropriate or misapplied. Work is poorly structured, disorganised and/or confusingly expressed. Very weak use of language and/or very inappropriate style. Little or no evidence of	Communication medium is poorly designed and/or not suitable for the audience. Work is poorly presented in a disjointed manner. It is loosely, and at times incoherently, structured, with information and ideas often poorly expressed. Weak use of language and/	Can communicate in a suitable medium but with some room for improvement. Mostly ordered presentation and structure in which relevant ideas / concepts are reasonably expressed. Work may lack coherence in places. Can work as part of a team, but with limited involvement in	Can communicate effectively in a suitable format, but may have minor errors. Mostly coherent, organised work, in a suitable structure and is for the most part clearly expressed. Can work effectively in a dependent and/or as	Can communicate well, confidently and consistently in a suitable format. Work is coherent, fluent, well-structured and organised. Can work very well autonomously and/or as part of a team, with very good contribution to group activities. Demonstrates very good graduate employment skill	Can communicate professionally confidently and consistently in a suitable format. Work is coherent, very fluent and is presented professionally. Can work autonomously with initiative. Where relevant can work professionally within a team, showing leadership skills. Demonstrates exceptional managing conflict and meeting obligations. Demonstrates	Can communicate with an exceptionally high level of professionalism. Work is exceptionally coherent, very fluent and is presented professionally. Can work exceptionally well and professionally within a team, showing advanced leadership skills. Demonstrates exceptional employment skills and an appetite

y and effectiveness in presentation and organisation.)	autonomy (or collaboration, where relevant) in the completion of tasks. Little or no evidence of the skills required in graduate employment.	or inappropriate style. Weak in dependent initiative (or collaboration, if relevant). Limited evidence of the skills required in graduate employment.	group activities. Demonstrates the basic skills required in graduate employment, with some areas of minor weakness.	part of a team, with clear contribution to group activities. Demonstrate the skills required in graduate employment, with some areas of strength and some of minor weakness.	s, with just occasional minor weakness.	nstrates excellent graduate employment skills and an appetite for further development.	for further development.
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