

# Final Report: Questionnaire

## Four-week teaching practice programme at the PH Zug

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Guest students who spend a four-week teaching practice programme at the PH Zug are kindly asked to write a final report of about **2 to 4 pages** (incl. pictures) about their experiences. This report shall be handed in to the International Office PH Zug for discussion on the evaluation session, prior to departure. Please include information to the following topics:

### 1. Information and support

- of the PH Zug / of the International Office PH Zug
- of your classroom teacher
- of your buddy

### 2. Overall programme / living situation

- Teaching practice programme (school, subjects)
- Programme at the PH Zug (lectures etc.)
- Living situation (accommodation, costs, etc.)

### 3. Goals and professional benefit

- Personal goals for the placement
- Achieved goals and newly acquired competencies
- Benefit for your future studies and profession

### 4. Personal evaluation of the stay

- Recommendations for future students
- Personal evaluation (3 positive and 3 negative points)

Of course you can also add more details/topics/themes to your report if there is anything else you want us to know.

**We are looking forward to reading about your experiences, which will allow us to update our programmes to the mutual benefit of all partners participating in this programme.**

# PH Zug

## 1. Information and support

Overall, I have really enjoyed this four-week teaching program. It has been amazing to be placed at the International School of Luzern and Zug. All staff members were very friendly,

approachable and professional. In particular my supervising teacher was amazing, very supportive, friendly, professional, knowledgeable and approachable. I enjoyed every minute within the classroom, with both the students and the teachers. The teacher gave me all opportunities to teach and always provided me with constructive feedback which I really appreciated. I have learnt so much from my teacher and the school, which I will use within my future practice.



I have also enjoyed the time I have spent at PH Zug. My buddies were very friendly and made us all feel very welcome. I really liked spending time at my buddies' school and watching them teach. I want to say a big thank you to Jana, Miriam and Tiffany for showing us around their school and spending time with us outside of the program. Overall, I enjoyed getting to know them and seeing daily life of a Switzerland university student.



## 2. Overall programme/living situation

# PH Zug

## - *Teaching practice programme (school, subjects)*

I really appreciated the university allowing us to participate in their classes. I really want to thank the university teachers for altering their lessons into English speaking lessons and creating activities for us to

complete in the class. I would really like to thank all the students as well for being welcoming and translating for us in class. One alteration I would suggest for the future is having the Australian Students be in the buddy's classes, as there were some areas in the class where translation was needed. It would also be nice to have a familiar face especially in the first week.

## - *Programme at the PH Zug (lectures etc.)*

Overall the classes were very interesting and we would understand majority of the teachers, however there was a class that was mainly in German (Design class) that I found hard to participate in. It was really nice that the teachers altered their lessons to have familiar materials for us. In particular the music teacher was very accommodating by using English speaking materials and songs.

## - *Living situation (accommodation, costs, etc.)*



I want to say a massive thank you to my host family. They are amazing and I have loved every minute of this experience thanks to them. They are so friendly, inviting and kind throughout this experience making me feel like a part of the family. They have a beautiful home, always allowed to help myself and use all facilities within the house. My room was very comfortable, big and lots of space for my things. They were very kind to provide my meals and I was happy to help out when needed. They were very helpful in showing me around the area, helping me with public transport and spending time with me showing me around their village. I am very thankful for everything they have done for me, helping me with my teaching, giving me suggestions for travel and teaching about the culture and history of Switzerland. I am very grateful for Bettina for allowing me to come and teach at her school it was an amazing experience and I learnt a lot. I would recommend that next time it would be nice to attend Bettina's school for a week of this experience as it gave me an inside into a traditional Switzerland school.

For future students it would be nice to have information about host and accommodation provided earlier before the trip. It didn't give much time before leaving for organising everything and it would have been nice to have that bit of assurance a little earlier than it was provided to us. The price I found was very fair as my host family provided me with all meals, however I do feel that maybe for next time transport could be covered as there was much travel required to both school and the university. Other than that I have loved my host family and really recommend them for future students I will miss the family them all very much.



# PH Zug

## 3. Goals and professional benefit

- *Personal goals for the placement/ Achieved goals and newly acquired competencies/ Benefit for your future studies and profession*

My personal goals for the placement included taking all opportunities to teach, be involved in the school with all activities, participate in class discusses at the university, make connections with teachers and students, and meet and talk to new people associated with this experience.

I believe that I have achieved all of these goals during my placement and I will recommend this experience to future pre-service teachers. After this experience I feel more confident within my teaching practice, acquired new techniques for classroom behaviour management strategies, different approached to different student individual learning needs, and gained many teaching resources from my mentor teacher.

## 5. Personal evaluation of the stay

### *Recommendations for future students*

- Pack warm clothes
- Make sure you research the area and the Curriculum at the school before arrival
- Email and organise meals and rules with your host family. This will help to create a positive relationship as you are staying with them for 4 weeks.
- Buy the half-fare card as it will make travel cheaper, especially on weekends.

### *Personal evaluation*

#### *Positive*

1. Teaching at the International School of Luzern and Zug
2. My home stay family
3. Having the freedom to travel on the weekends

#### *Negative*

1. Would have been nice spending more time at the school and only having to do half a day at the university
2. The distance between host houses and the school/ university was quite far
3. The orientation on the Monday at the school could have been done the day we started, and we could of spend that Monday getting familiar with village and transport.