



## Information about Theory- Practical-Experiences (Bachelor and Master)

### in educational science for the studies of future teachers

(We provide an extra information for the studies of future teachers in special education "Sonderpädagogik".)

**Dear Sir or Madam,  
 dear students, dear mentors,**

Professional competence is being developed by the interaction of different fields of knowledge and skills/abilities. In the phases of theory-practical-experience students will be prepared by their lecturers of TU Dortmund in seminars and accompanied by mentors/teachers at schools to deepen and extend their knowledge.

#### Five purposes of the practical training

The "Theory-Practical-Modules" intend to improve the professionalisation of future teachers by the following five perspectives:

1. **Theoretical knowledge of schooling, educational science and subject didactics**
2. **Research based learning**
3. **Interdisciplinary learning (subject didactics and educational science)**
4. **Biographical learning: self-reflexive and professional development of identity**
5. **Basic teaching competence**

Over the course of their studies students have to spend three periods of time at schools during their semester breaks in February/March or August/September. They are free to choose their schools worldwide; nevertheless we ask them to keep the underlying/general conditions. In the following we give you an abstract of the structure of the practical training carried out at TU Dortmund:

Semester	title of practical experience	general conditions
Bachelor: 1.-3. semester	Orientierungspraktikum (OP)/ Pädagogisches Einführungspraktikum (PEP)	Students are asked to spend 4 weeks (60/80 hours) at school. They should start teaching at least 3 lessons under guidance of a teacher/mentor in 4 weeks.
Master: 1. semester	Theorie-Praxis-Modul I (TPM I)	Students are asked to spend 4 weeks (80 hours) at school. They should teach at least 3 lessons every week and carry out a survey on a topic prepared.
Master: 2. semester	Theorie-Praxis-Modul II (TPM II)	Students are asked to spend 2 weeks (40 hours) at school and teach about 4 lessons.

**Please note:** If students wish to spend their practical experience at schools abroad they have to hand in a registration form with the signature and stamp of school (see our homepage: [www.fb12.uni-dortmund.de/pbla/](http://www.fb12.uni-dortmund.de/pbla/)). At the end of the practical experience the mentor has to attest the presence of the student on a certificate of attendance.

**Insurance cover:** Students at schools in Germany are covered by casualty insurance legally. Practical experiences abroad are **not** covered. We recommend to effect a personal accident insurance.

**Data security:** All data about teachers, pupils and their parents aquired has to be kept confidentially. In reports data has to be anonymised first (e.g. change of names).

We wish all persons involved a successful and inspiring time.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With regards

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For more detailed information (in German) please visit our website ([www.fb12.uni-dortmund.de/pbla/](http://www.fb12.uni-dortmund.de/pbla/)), contact the „Praktikumsbüro für Lehramtsstudiengänge“ via mail ([pbla.dokoll@tu-dortmund.de](mailto:pbla.dokoll@tu-dortmund.de)) or telephone (0049-231-755-2819).