



WALDORF EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAMME IN CHINA (WECC)

Guidelines for Practicum Student

- 1 Practicum – or 'practical element' of the training course - is an obligatory requirement for the final graduation from a 3-year part-time kindergarten teacher training course. A practicum can start any time after the fourth module. Due to the shortage of Chinese kindergarten classes qualified to take practicum students, exceptions may be made for the practicum to be carried out within a maximum of 3 years after the 6th module has been finished. Students are asked to discuss this with the training course's Administrative coordinator before the Completion certificate is issued at the end of the 3rd year.
- 2 Since the number of kindergartens which could receive practicum students in China is limited, students who can speak English are encouraged to do their practicum in a foreign country if possible.
- 3 The required length of the Practicum is two weeks. This could be extended with the agreement of the Educational coordinator and the host kindergarten involved.
- 4 Students are asked to keep a detailed record of the whole practicum experience in the form of a Practicum Journal. You are encouraged to make this record book as artistic and beautiful as possible. If need be, the records could be in more than one book (size and quality of paper are also of importance). Practicum Journal could contain any or all of the following:
 - 4.1 Observation of the classroom and environment, inside and outside
 - 4.2 Review of daily experiences and interactions with teachers, children and parents in the host kindergarten
 - 4.3 Students' thoughts and reflections on these experiences
 - 4.4 Teaching materials gained and learnt from the host teachers
 - 4.5 Materials (songs, stories, morning circle content etc.) created by the student and/or inspired by the practicum experience
 - 4.6 Significant conversations/exchanges with the host teachers
 - 4.7 Relevant photos of and/or drawings by children
 - 4.8 Drawings or/and decorations by students for the beautification of the journal



- 5 Practicum Journal is to be presented to be read and signed by the host teacher at the end of the practicum period.
- 6 On return from the Practicum, students are asked to submit their Practicum Journal to the training center for registration and checking by a tutor or qualified member of staff.
- 7 The Practicum Journal will be returned to the student to keep. It is a valuable document – a milestone and reference for the teacher's career.
- 8 The host teacher who receives the student will write a Practicum Evaluation Report Form about the student's practicum to send to the training centre. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the student by the centre.
- 9 Practicum Fee
 - 9.1 Pay HK\$300 to the training centre.

Students who do their practicum in China are required to:

- 9.2 Pay 1000 RMB to the host kindergarten for the 2 weeks' practicum, to be shared between the kindergarten's administration and the main teacher concerned.

Some host kindergartens outside China may offer to provide free practicum service, accommodation and food for the students. In some cases, you may be asked to contribute toward these costs.

As a general principle, practicum students should be prepared to:

- 9.3 Offer a contribution of US\$200 to the host kindergarten for the 2 weeks' practicum.
 - 9.4 Offer a contribution toward accommodation and food as negotiated with the host of the place where the student stays during the practicum
- 10 Students who choose to do their practicum in a foreign country need to satisfy the following requirements:
 - 10.1 Being able to speak and understand adequate English
 - 10.2 Acquiring their own international airfare
 - 10.3 Providing their own pocket money