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

### **Practicum assessment guideline for host teacher**

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 programme. A practicum can start any time after completing 8 weeks of the training.
  
2. 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.
  
3. The host teacher would supervise the practicum student in the following areas:
  - a. General presence, attitudes and gestures in the classroom
  - b. Interaction with children, parents and colleagues
  - c. Ability to watch, listen and observe
  - d. Capacity and willingness to be open and learn
  - e. Opportunity to conduct some activity with children if possible
  - f. One of the tasks that the students have to do is to keep a Practicum Journal (Diary).
  
4. Students are asked to keep a detailed record of the whole practicum experience in a Practicum Journal. They 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 (roughly size A4; and quality of paper is also important).



5. Practicum Journal may contain any or all of the following:
  - a. Observe the classroom and environment, inside and outside
  - b. Take note of the daily rhythm and how it works
  - c. Review daily experiences and interactions with teachers, children and parents in the host kindergarten
  - d. Students' thoughts and reflections on these experiences.
  - e. Teaching materials gained and learnt from the host teacher
  - f. Materials (songs, stories, morning circle content etc.) created by the student and inspired by host teacher
  - g. Significant conversations/exchanges with the host teacher/s
  - h. Relevant photos of and drawings by children
  - i. Sketches and decorations by students used to beautify the journal
6. At the end of the practicum period, this Journal should be presented to be read and signed by the host teacher.
7. The host teacher who receives the student will be asked to fill in the 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 home training centre.



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