



What is Mantle of the Expert?



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Mantle of the Expert is a drama-based approach to inquiry learning, established by famed UK Educator Prof. Dorothy Heathcote and used in hundreds of schools worldwide including in Aotearoa NZ. In Mantle of the Expert, students and teachers together are immersed in cross-curricula learning through fictional, highly authentic contexts. The emphasis is on sustained collaboration, experiential learning, problem solving, the gaining of multiple perspectives and rich reflection. The approach has been found to lead to high levels of engagement and enhanced achievement.

The Faculty of Education, University of Waikato offers papers in Mantle of the Expert, suitable for both pre-service teachers and those looking for professional development or a return to postgraduate study. Students who have taken these papers have gone on to take leadership in schools using the Mantle of the Expert approach. Ongoing support for teachers is also available through the cluster groups and the national website.

PAPERS

TEAL328 Y Learning and Teaching The Arts III (Mantle of the Expert)

This year long option paper allows students to learn in depth about the Arts as pedagogies. (Students choose from Drama, Dance, Visual Arts or Music - Mantle of the Expert is taught under the Drama strand). In this paper there is a strong emphasis on links between theory and practical experience. As well as gaining an understanding of theory and planning requirements, students have the opportunity to work directly in the field, helping to plan and deliver a Mantle of the Expert experience over six weeks in a local primary school.

ALED515 (BLK) Drama as a Pedagogy - Dorothy Heathcote's Mantle of the Expert

This paper gives educators with a special interest in drama education the opportunity to research, critique and theorise programmes of learning based on Heathcote's Mantle of the Expert approach. Students engage with a range of theoretical material as they design and implement an original learning programme for their own professional setting. This paper combines on-campus study during school holidays, with periods of online learning and support making it accessible for educators from around the country. Past students have included secondary specialist teachers of drama, community educators and primary generalists.

WHEN AND WHERE OFFERED

TEAL387 is a year long undergraduate paper taught at the Faculty of Education's Hamilton campus.

ALED515 is a postgraduate masters paper and in 2012 will be offered as a block Summer School paper based in Tauranga with follow-up work online.

HOW TO ENROL

These papers are now open for enrolment.

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THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Arts and Language Education is primarily concerned with teaching and research in language and literacy education and the related arts. As university-based researchers and teacher educators, we are concerned that our arts education students explore the relationship of theory and practice.