**Title of programme**
MSc in Learning and Teaching

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendments to the submission dates for all assignments on the programme.

**Effective date**
From 1 October 2012

**Location of change**
In *Examination Regulations 2011*

**Detail of change**
1. P. 717 l.36-37, delete ‘assignment 2 will be no later than noon the first Friday of September.’ and substitute ‘assignments 1 and 2 will be no later than noon on the first Monday of May.’.
2. P.718 l.4, delete ‘September’ and substitute ‘May’.
3. P.718 l.18, delete ‘first’ and substitute ‘third’.

**Explanatory Notes**
These changes reflect a wider reshaping of teaching and assessment on the course. Currently, the assignment submission date for the second assignment in part 1 and the sole assignment for Part 2 is the first Friday in September. This creates workload issues for staff who are also involved in the PGCE. It also makes the transfer from Diploma to MSc status awkward for the university, the colleges and the students, since students have to register for, pay for and start work on Part 3 without knowing the results of Part 2; for the university and colleges it also means their status is uncertain until late October. These
proposals bring forward the submission dates for the second assignment in Part 1 and the
assignment in Part 2 much earlier in the academic year, which will completely resolve these
issues. The assignment tasks and criteria will be adjusted to take account of this loss of
time, by lowering the qualitative demands in Parts 1 and 2.

However, the consequence of these changes is that the submission date for the first
assignment in Part 1 of Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term, which was introduced in July
2011, is impractical. The submission and marking of both Part 1 assignments would
overlap, but it is awkward to bring the first assignment forward even earlier. Therefore,
there will only be one submission date in Part 1, for both assignments. Students will also
be given longer to complete the research and development project in Part 3.