

## Course Specification

| Course Summary Information |   |                                      |
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| 1                          | <b>Course Title</b>   | <i>Subject Knowledge Enhancement</i> |
| 2                          | <b>Course Code</b>  | <i>EDU3020</i>                       |
| 3                          | <b>Awarding Institution</b>   | Birmingham City University.          |
| 4                          | <b>Teaching Institution(s)</b><br>(if different from point 3)                         | Birmingham City University.          |
| 5                          | <b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable) | <i>Department for Education</i>      |

| 6 | Course Description  |
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|   | <p>The Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course develops subject knowledge in graduates wishing to enter the teaching profession whose degree level knowledge, whilst strong in itself, needs to be further developed, enhanced and applied to the requirements and expectations of the secondary school curriculum including, where appropriate, examination specifications.</p> <p>SKE is available in those subjects that the Department for Education (DfE) lists to encourage graduates to enter the teaching profession. The subjects available for SKE at Birmingham City University are aligned to the subjects offered on the PGCE course. In most cases, students accepted onto the SKE course will be eligible for a bursary from the DfE in accordance with prescribed criteria. The duration of the SKE will vary according to specialist subject and the student's need, identified at interview. A condition of entry onto the SKE course is the acceptance of a place on an initial teacher training course, such as PGCE.</p> <p>The course enables you, in the context of your subject knowledge enhancement, to develop a deeper understanding of the content and concepts required to teach your subject in schools. In doing so, you will sharpen your understanding of your specialist subject to deliver the required curriculum in the secondary school. The understanding you gain about your own learning will give insight into the processes that might be happening in school learners and will be valuable preparation for your forthcoming studies when you will apply theories of learning and corresponding pedagogies for your subject in the classroom as part of your initial teacher training. In developing your subject knowledge, you will demonstrate ability to research the application of the topics required for teaching supported by your work in school and your continuing independent study.</p> <p>As a student on the SKE course, you will be encouraged to undertake a school-based placement to support you in your subject knowledge enhancement. Placements cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>This course also provides opportunities for you to apply your specialist subject knowledge to the creation of learning resources, artefacts or activities appropriate for the school curriculum. By selecting and applying appropriate material and processes to support learning in a school-related context you will build your confidence not only in your subject knowledge per se, but also in your ability to articulate and communicate this to others in a learning situation.</p> <p>The course also provides the opportunity for you to demonstrate your accurate understanding of selected key concepts in your specialist subject as it is taught in schools, and will develop your skills in making the key concept accessible to learners, including how to relate subject content to interactive, engaging learning. Through this, you will also have the opportunity to consider the learning process and how misconceptions emerge and how they might be addressed. You</p> |

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|  | will be able to articulate subject knowledge that you have newly acquired or enhanced in a way that is appropriate to the professional context you will be entering as a teacher. |
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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Course Awards</b>                   |              |                        |
| <b>7a</b> | <b>Name of Final Award</b>             | <b>Level</b> | <b>Credits Awarded</b> |
|           | <i>Subject Knowledge Enhancement</i>   | <i>n/a</i>   | <i>0</i>               |
| <b>7b</b> | <b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b> |              |                        |
|           | None                                   | <i>n/a</i>   | <i>n/a</i>             |

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| <b>8</b> | <b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>  |
|          | <p>The SKE Course runs outside the Standard University Calendar so usual assessment periods do not apply.</p> <p>All modules are assessed on a pass/fail basis only. Successful candidates who pass the module on which they are enrol will have met the subject knowledge requirement for entry onto an initial teacher training course (for example, a PGCE course). Students must hold an offer of a place on an initial teacher training course as a condition of commencing the SKE course.</p> |

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| <b>9</b> | <b>Delivery Patterns</b>  |                             |   |
|          | <b>Mode(s) of Study</b>   | <b>Location(s) of Study</b> | <b>Duration of Study</b>  |
|          | <i>Part-time<br/>Blended Learning<br/>options in some<br/>specialist subjects</i> | <i>City South.</i>          | <i>28 week,<br/>24 week,<br/>20 week,<br/>16 week<br/>12 week<br/>8 week.</i> |
|          |   |                             | <b>Code(s)</b>  |

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| <b>10</b> | <b>Entry Requirements</b>   |
|           | The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk">https://www.bcu.ac.uk</a> , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website. |

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| <b>11</b> | <b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>   |
| <b>1</b>  | Demonstrate subject knowledge commensurate with the duration of the relevant module and related to the school curriculum                            |
| <b>2</b>  | Demonstrate your knowledge of national and/or local curricula in your specialist subject  |
| <b>3</b>  | Communicate how you have independently enhanced your subject knowledge to meet the changing priorities of the curriculum in your specialist subject |
| <b>4</b>  | Present evidence of your ability to identify and overcome common misconceptions in learners' understanding of your specialist subject               |

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| <b>12</b>  | <b>Course Requirements</b> |
| <b>12a</b> | <b>Level 3:</b>            |

*In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete ONE the following CORE modules (totalling 0 credits):*

| Module Code | Module Name                           | Credit Value |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 28 Week | 0            |
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 24 Week | 0            |
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 20 Week | 0            |
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 16 Week | 0            |
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 12 Week | 0            |
| EDU3020     | Subject Knowledge Enhancement 8 Week  | 0            |
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## 12b Structure Diagram

### Level 3

| SEMESTER ONE | SEMESTER TWO  |
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|              | Core (Student complete <u>ONE</u> of the following 0 credit modules)<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 28 week<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 24 week<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 20 week<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 16 week<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 12 week<br>EDU3xxx – Subject Knowledge Enhancement 8 week |