

A Brief Review of the Training Program at UWTSD

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The teacher training programme hosted by the University of Wales Trinity Saint David in Swansea stands as a remarkable educational journey that blends academic rigor with cultural insights.

As I delve into the intricacies of this training program, I uncover how it equips educators with the tools, insights, and inspiration needed to navigate the dynamic landscape of modern education with competence and confidence. Throughout the training course, I engaged with subjects about research methods for education, leadership and management in education and so on. What impress me most are topics on leadership within education and the philosophy and practice of social research. By understanding and appreciating the striking differences between leadership and management, I realize that leadership and management skills are also effective in education. Applying both leadership and management skills in the classroom can create an environment that promotes effective teaching, student engagement, and overall positive learning experiences. Such capabilities help teachers clearly define the learning objectives and goals for the class, foster a positive and inclusive classroom culture, establish clear expectations for behavior and classroom rules, and empower students with choices and opportunities to take ownership of their learning. Another interesting and helpful topic is the philosophy and practice of social research. By learning some abstract concepts such as ontology, paradigm and epistemology in education research, I get a deeper understanding of the philosophical underpinnings that guide the research process. These concepts shape the way researchers perceive knowledge, reality, and the methods used to investigate educational phenomena. In addition, we are encouraged to engage in reflective practice, learning to critically analyse issues and adapt strategies based on discussion and feedback, which is a key component of effective teaching. All in all, the training courses at the UWTSD

Swansea provides me a comprehensive and enriching learning experience that will help me to improve my teaching skills and confidence in my future teaching career.

Apart from the training course, cultural trips to cities like London, Bath, Cardiff also offer us a wealth of benefits. By visiting the iconic landmarks such as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the British Museum, I get a deeper understanding of the historical heritage, the cultural diversity, and the stunning natural beauty of the Great Britain. More importantly, communicating with people with diverse cultural backgrounds helps me develop a deeper understanding of cultural nuances and differences, and this cultural awareness fosters better communication, empathy and inclusivity when I interact with local people. On the other hand, seeing and experiencing the social life of Great Britain personally boost my confidence of Chinese culture and society. I realize that the gap between China and the UK is narrowing, and China has surpassed developed countries in many aspects. I am proud of the rapid development of my country.

Attending the training program of UWTSD is a heart-warming experience for me. The university fostered a supportive and collaborative learning and living environment where we received personalized attention from dedicated faculty members. Colleagues can support each other during the learning process, sharing tips, clarifying doubts, and offering encouragement. This peer support contributes to a positive and enjoyable learning and traveling atmosphere. The training program will certainly be my ever-lasting wonderful memory. So, I'd like to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Inner Mongolian University which provides me the opportunity, to Professor Duan who organizes the program and arranges all the details for us, and to all of my dear colleagues who help me and encourage me throughout the training trip.