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I am now in my last few months of being a student. I started with teaching practicals on the 19th of August, and I completed it on the 20th of September. I enjoyed every moment of my teaching experience. My love and passion for teaching got greater. I spent five weeks with those little souls, and they made me realize that "teaching is what I really want to do." I enjoyed every moment that I spent with them. Especially with the concert. The school celebrated it's 130th birthday, so they hosted a concert. All the foundation phase learners did their performance for three subsequent days. And I offered to help with anything for those three nights. It was a great experience. It was my very first time attending a school function as a student teacher. I felt so included. My mentor teacher never made me feel excluded. I felt so welcome in my host school. The learners even surprised me with a small party for my birthday. I was so overwhelmed because never in my life had children made me feel so special. I couldn't help but to shed a tear. This was my best teaching experience ever! I cannot wait to have my very own little seeds in my own classroom. This semester has been really good to me so far.

My subjects for this semester/term were: Education Research Practice, Educational Management, Personal and Social well-being, Problem solving and Creativity, and The Reflective Practitioner B. The aim of the Education Research Practice module is for us to develop and complete a research proposal of our own on a topic of our choice. This Education Management and Leadership module introduces us to the systems and structures that work towards improving education broadly. One of the primary aims of the module is to introduce the influences of the field of Management and Leadership in Basic education, both in the Government departments, all the way to the schools. Problem Solving and Creativity offers an opportunity to explore the elements of creativity and problem-solving that form integral parts of child development and learning. The module covers a variety of didactic-related topics such as aptitudes for teaching as well as strategies to support and

advise teaching and learning. The module The Reflective Practitioner aims to equip you as a reflective teacher who can apply the skills of reflective practice to your own individual learning and to learning from your experiences in the workplace.

For this term, Problem Solving and Creativity has been my favourite module. Our lecturer ensured that every lecture is interesting and fun.

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