

## STeP - A Student Teacher ePortfolio for Future Teachers of Languages

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### **Abstract**

STeP - The Student Teacher ePortfolio is offered to all student teachers studying within the Faculty of Education at the University of Malta, and can easily be developed with all other teachers of languages and foreign languages. STeP is a web-application introduced during the past academic year, that is developed specifically to support the Professional Development Portfolio module for B.Ed.(Hons) students. The ePortfolio has two primary aims, namely to help student teachers reflect on their practice and to use it in their job interviews. It is built over a period of 2 years through a series of tutorial sessions and interactive forums where concerns, successes and achievements can be shared. The student teacher is taught how to write reflectively about aspects of his/her professional development as a teacher and is asked to collect and upload artefacts which will provide evidence of the skills he/she has acquired especially during his/her teaching practice experience. Towards the end of the course, the student teacher actually ends up having his/her ePortfolio, providing evidence about his/her practice, thought and reflection that show the process of growth and development from a prospective teacher to a reflective practitioner. This should enable the student teacher to come to know him/herself better as an individual as well as a professional teacher.