# **PES Level 1 Course Outline 2**

# Guide to aid teacher planning only - designed to be printed or viewed in A3, Landscape.

## Purpose

This example Course Outline has been produced to help teachers and schools understand the new NCEA Learning Matrices and could be used to create a year-long programme of learning. It should be used as an illustrative guide for how the Big Ideas, Significant Learning and the suite of support documents might be used to support teaching and learning, along with its assessment, at Curriculum Level 6.

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| **Significant Learning** | **Learning activities and assessment opportunities**Throughout the year assessment for learning happens often. Evidence may also be collected for summative assessment. | **Duration** Total of 32 weeks |
| Interpret representations, critique evidence, and communicate knowledge within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts Understand that a range of physics concepts can be used to explain an interaction Explore the nature of energy and force in the physical world Apply relevant modelling techniques to demonstrate understanding of physical phenomena within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts | It’s all about energy: considering electricity and magnetism through interactions with the physical world* Explore DC circuits (series and simple parallel circuits), Ohm’s Law, and power.
* Learn about electrical protection for house wiring.
* Investigate [conductors and insulators](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2745-electricity-electrons-insulators-and-conductors) for charge separation.
* Solve simple V = IR and P = VI calculations.
* Explore and represent [magnetic fields](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2562-introducing-magnetism).

**Opportunity for assessment of AS 1.2 Demonstrate understanding of a physical phenomenon through investigation, *and* formative assessment of AS 1.4 Demonstrate understanding of energy in a physical system** | 5 weeks |
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* Consider the implications of household insulation. Why are warmer houses [healthier](https://toiteora.govt.nz/public/healthy-homes/)?
* Learn about the different ways fire has [traditionally](https://nzase.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-08-Teaching-fire-making-NZASE-resource.pdf) been used. How did people find out which wood burned the best?
* Consider how [geothermal energy](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1573-geothermal-power) continues to impact our lives.
* Understand the difference between [climate and weather](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2966-weather-and-climate).
* Explore how [traditional knowledge](https://niwa.co.nz/education-and-training/schools/teaching-resources/rangi-weather-and-climate-lessons-for-teachers/lesson-9-ng%C4%81-tohu-o-te-taiao) of [climate and weather](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2961-maori-ways-of-knowing-weather-and-climate) developed in Aotearoa New Zealand. How was this tested?
* Recognise that weather and climate are found in the lower part of the atmosphere; the [troposphere](https://niwa.co.nz/education-and-training/schools/students/layers).
* Investigate how [clouds](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/628-observing-clouds-and-weather) are formed and how they can be used to predict the weather.

**Opportunity for assessment of AS 1.1 Demonstrate understanding of human-induced change within the Earth system*, and* formative assessment of AS 1.4 Demonstrate understanding of energy in a physical system** | 6 weeks |
| Interpret representations, critique evidence, and communicate knowledge within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts Understand that a range of physics concepts can be used to explain an interaction Explore the nature of energy and force in the physical world Apply relevant modelling techniques to demonstrate understanding of physical phenomena within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts | Get moving: transportation plays a large role in the way we live and work, and how we move around the country * Carry out simple investigations into [distance and time](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2717-an-investigation-of-motion), with respect to constant speed.
* Calculate speed from distance-time graphs.
* Draw force diagrams for objects moving at constant acceleration.
* Use Newton’s Laws to explain the motion of objects.
* Compare mechanical and electrical power.
* Consider basic forces in relation to a number of different modes of transportation, eg, sailing, automobiles, trains, [planes](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/299-principles-of-flight). How was the wind used to cross the [Pacific](https://teara.govt.nz/en/pacific-migrations/page-5)?
* Find out about [buoyancy](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/3183-floating-and-sinking-exploring-forces) through the testing of variations in raft or boat design.
* Test parachute and/or paper-copter wing designs to explore how [surface area affects air-resistance](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/images/286-forces-affecting-flight).
* Consider both [traditional](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/topics/navigation) and current modes of transportation on the water.

**Opportunity for assessment of AS 1.2 Demonstrate understanding of a physical phenomenon through investigation** | 6 weeks |
| Understand that Physics, Earth, and Space Science knowledge is continuously developed through collaboration and review Investigate observable interactions between the Sun and the Earth-Moon systemExplore how Earth processes interact and influence the surface, climate, and life on Earth Interpret representations, critique evidence, and communicate knowledge within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts Apply relevant modelling techniques to demonstrate understanding of physical phenomena within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts | How do the Sun and the Moon impact our day-to-day lives?* Choose from a variety of learning activities (depending on the time of year), for example:
	+ explore the daytime surface temperature relative to the day/night cycle
	+ understand how the [different seasons](https://niwa.co.nz/rangi/lesson-5-introduction-to-climate#why) are influenced by:
		- the tilt of the Earth
		- the orbit of the Earth around the Sun
		- latitude
		- the amount of solar energy hitting the Earth’s surface.
	+ use models of the Sun and Earth to investigate how the angle of the Sun can affect temperature
	+ measure the [length of shadows](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2791-building-science-concepts-shadows) and/or the temperature of sand at different times of the day or during different seasons
	+ investigate the interactions of the Sun, Earth, and Moon in the formation of tides, including neap, spring, and king tides.
* Consider the [importance](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1747-using-solar-energy) of the Sun from a number of perspectives, including te ao [Māori](https://teara.govt.nz/en/te-ao-marama-the-natural-world/page-1) perspectives of [celestial bodies](https://teara.govt.nz/en/ranginui-the-sky/page-4).

**Opportunity for formative assessment of AS 1.3 Demonstrate understanding of the effect on Earth of interactions between the Sun and the Earth-Moon system** | 5 weeks |
| Understand that Physics, Earth, and Space Science knowledge is continuously developed through collaboration and review Investigate observable interactions between the Sun and the Earth-Moon systemUnderstand that the hydrosphere, biosphere, atmosphere, and geosphere interact in the Earth system Explore how Earth processes interact and influence the surface, climate, and life on Earth Explore natural and human-induced changes on Earth systems and consider the implications of their effects Interpret representations, critique evidence, and communicate knowledge within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts Apply inquiry approaches to develop understanding of Physics, Earth and Space Science concepts, including how mātauranga Māori can inform inquiry practice Apply relevant modelling techniques to demonstrate understanding of physical phenomena within Physics, Earth and Space Science contexts | Climate change* Investigate [interactions](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1256-what-is-the-earth-system) between the geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere. Why is our climate [warming](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/videos/1990-climate-change-a-warming-world)?
* Learn about the transformation of energy that occurs when incoming sunlight ([short wave solar radiation](https://niwa.co.nz/our-science/climate/information-and-resources/clivar/greenhouse)) hits the Earth’s surface. What effect does the outgoing heat (long-wave infra-red radiation) from the Earth’s surface have on the atmosphere?
* Explore the normal [greenhouse effect](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1004-greenhouse-effect), and how it affects Earth’s average temperature, and the enhanced greenhouse effect, where excess CO2 in the atmosphere is warming the Earth system.
* Investigate the [natural events and human activities](https://environment.govt.nz/facts-and-science/climate-change/science-of-climate-change/#different-types-of-emissions-affect-the-climate-differently) that produce the large amounts of CO2 entering the atmosphere, for example:
	+ volcanic eruptions in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific (natural)
	+ over-use of [fossil fuels](https://environment.govt.nz/publications/new-zealands-greenhouse-gas-inventory-1990-2019-snapshot/key-findings-of-the-2021-inventory/) (human)
	+ concrete production (human).
* Understand how [volcanoes](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/topics/volcanoes) form by exploring how Aotearoa New Zealand straddles two colliding tectonic plates. Identify, and recognise the significance of, [pūrākau](https://www.learnz.org.nz/sites/learnz.org.nz/files/LEARNZ%20Virtual%20Field%20Trip%20-%20Ngatoroirangi2.pdf) that relate to natural disasters.
* Learn about what fossil fuels are, how they are [formed](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/videos/800-oil-formation) over time, and why humans use them so much. How is the burning of fossil fuels causing [human-induced temperature rises](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2956-human-contributions-to-climate-change-how-we-know)?
* Consider the [implications](https://niwa.co.nz/education-and-training/schools/students/climate-change/impacts-for-NZ) of increasing temperatures (as a result of climate change) on the Earth system. For example:
	+ more frequent and stronger weather events
	+ [sea level rise](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2277-climate-change-melting-ice-and-sea-level-rise)
	+ [ocean acidification](https://niwa.co.nz/news/investigating-ocean-acidification).
* Explore how [kaitiakitanga](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2544-understanding-kaitiakitanga) can mitigate the effects of climate change.
* What are the legal implications for traditional uses of land, air, and water?

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* Consider the [environmental impacts](https://www.environmentguide.org.nz/activities/renewable-energy/) of renewable energy sources in Aotearoa New Zealand.
* Identify and learn about the [renewable energy sources](https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1571-renewable-energy-sources) found in Aotearoa New Zealand.
* Investigate the [amount of electricity](https://www.energymix.co.nz/our-consumption/new-zealands-consumption/) that is generated from hydro, wind, and geothermal sources.
* Understand [how electricity is used in our homes](https://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/media-and-publications/electricity-new-zealand/), including simple circuits.
* Investigate the energy sources used historically by [Māori](https://teara.govt.nz/en/energy-supply-and-use/page-2) and [Pacific](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/pacificfoodguide/index.php/about-the-guide/food-production/) peoples.
* Learn about [Tāwhirimātea](https://teara.govt.nz/en/tawhirimatea-the-weather/print) and recognise why this deity is important for understanding climate and ocean currents in te ao Māori.

**Opportunity for assessment of AS 1.1 Demonstrate understanding of human-induced change within the Earth system *and* formative assessment of AS 1.4 Demonstrate understanding of energy in a physical system** | 5 weeks |