

# Accreditation summary template

## NATIONAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

The accreditation process involves a rigorous assessment of an initial teacher education (ITE) program against a set of nationally agreed standards.

Accreditation standards and procedures are designed to ensure that all graduates of ITE meet the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers at the Graduate career stage. This ensures the program is of high quality and prepares pre-service teachers for the teaching profession.

The process also includes an assessment of a provider's quality assurance and continuous improvement mechanisms, as well as ensuring that the provider has a nationally endorsed teaching performance assessment which all graduates must successfully complete.

More information on the accreditation process can be found on the [AITSL website](http://aitsl.gov.au).

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Jurisdiction	Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)
Provider	Australian Catholic University
Program title	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
Program type	Undergraduate
Program duration in equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL)	4 years
Minimum program duration	4 years
Stage of schooling	Early Childhood and Primary
Mode(s) of delivery	On campus, Online
Campus location(s)	Ballarat Canberra Melbourne Brisbane Strathfield
Approval date of current accreditation	4/12/2014
Accreditation outcome*	Accredited

Accreditation expiry date (optional)	3/6/2021
Quality assurance processes in place	<p>Demonstrated attainment of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers at the Graduate level evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment data from professional experience reports</li> <li>• Teaching performance assessments</li> <li>• Professional experience final reports</li> </ul> <p>Other quality assurance data sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention and attrition data</li> <li>• LANTITE data</li> <li>• Assessment data</li> <li>• Graduate surveys</li> <li>• QILT Student Satisfaction, Graduate Outcomes, Employer Satisfaction data</li> <li>• Graduate case studies</li> <li>• Professional experience evidence including partnerships, placements, reports, at-risk processes</li> <li>• National Professional Experience Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Course Implementation and Review Committees</li> <li>• Student Evaluation of Learning and Teaching survey data</li> <li>• Teaching performance assessment moderation data</li> </ul>

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) is a four-year undergraduate, initial teacher education program designed to prepare graduates to teach the curriculum across both the early childhood and primary school settings, predominately in Australia. In addition to study in each of the learning areas of the primary school curriculum, the program provides graduates with a primary specialisation. Teacher candidates complete discipline and discipline specific curriculum and pedagogical studies, general education studies and professional experience.

\*The approval will apply until **3/06/2021** subject to the following conditions.

1. If Australian Catholic University intend to make significant changes to the approved program, those changes must first be submitted to VIT for approval.
2. VIT may require the program to be amended so that it continues to satisfy the legislative imperative that it is a qualification appropriate for entry to teaching as approved from time to time by the Minister.
3. VIT will require information from Australian Catholic University to verify that the program complies with the requirements of a qualification appropriate for entry to teaching, including compliance with the Victorian framework for selection into initial teacher education.