

Accreditation summary template

Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)

Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education

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](#).

Program summary

Jurisdiction	Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)
Provider	Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education
Program title	MTECP – Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)
Program type	Postgraduate
Program duration in equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL)	2 years
Minimum program duration	2 years
Stage of schooling	Early Childhood and Primary
Mode(s) of delivery	Blended (on campus and online)
Campus location(s)	Melbourne and Adelaide
Approval date of current accreditation	29 October 2025
Accreditation outcome*	Approved with conditions
Quality assurance processes in place	Quality assurance processes in place to continually assess this Initial Teacher Education (ITE) program and associated student outcomes include, but are not limited to, consideration of

- Teacher Performance Assessments (TPA) data as the TPA is a required final year assessment completed by all ITE students
- national collections of data including that from the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) surveys across the student life cycle in higher education from commencement to employment
- student attrition and retention
- graduate completions
- professional experience placement data and reports.

Program description and rationale

Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) is a two-year graduate entry 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 specific curriculum and pedagogical studies, general education studies and professional experience

*The following standard obligations apply to all accredited ITE programs throughout the period of the accreditation grant.

1. If Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education 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 Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education 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.

The following conditions will also apply to the approved program until 29 October 2030 or until otherwise determined by VIT:

4. Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education is subject to enhanced reporting obligations and must provide progress updates to the VIT upon request. These updates must include information on program delivery, student outcomes, staffing and quality assurance processes.
5. Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education will facilitate and cooperate with any requests from the VIT to visit the campus for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the program. The provider will make relevant documentation, facilities, and personnel available to representatives from the VIT during such visits.
6. Southern Cross Education Institute – Higher Education will be responsible for all the costs associated with complying with these conditions.