

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](#).

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Jurisdiction	Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)
Provider	La Trobe University
Program title	Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education
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	Blended
Campus location(s)	Bendigo Shepparton
Approval date of current accreditation	26/7/2017
Accreditation outcome*	Accredited

Quality assurance processes in place

Demonstrated attainment of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers at the Graduate level evidenced by:

- Teaching performance assessments
- Evidentiary portfolios

Other quality assurance data sources:

- Assessment data on critical tasks
- QILT: Graduate and Employer Satisfaction surveys
- QILT Graduate Destination Survey and Socio-economic data
- Professional Experience Advisory Committee
- Course Advisory Committee
- Professional partnerships survey
- Enrolment data
- Feedback from pre-service teachers and school staff during professional experience placements
- Professional experience focus group (school based staff)
- Semester subject evaluations
- Retention and attrition data
- Course Review data
- Professional Experience progress data
- Annual Course Feedback Survey

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE

The Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education 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.

*VIT imposes the following standard conditions on all accredited ITE programs. Additional conditions may be imposed on individual programs:

1. If La Trobe 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 La Trobe 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.