

Pre-enrolment Literacy Orientation and Hand-written Submission for the Masters of Teaching & Learning

The highest standards of personal and professional literacy are required of teachers and this course assumes you have a high level of personal and academic literacy competence and knowledge and skills in English language structures and grammar. The purpose of these activities is to orient you to some of the professional and personal literacy demands required to be successful in the course and to the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* (AITSL) which underpin our course and teacher's work. Once completed these exercises, you will be in a position to self-evaluate your Suitability as Primary Teacher in regards to the literacy demands required for teaching.

An invigilated test of reading, grammar and punctuation similar to the test found here [http://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/files/Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education students - Sample Questions.pdf](http://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/files/Literacy_and_Numeracy_Test_for_Initial_Teacher_Education_students_-_Sample_Questions.pdf) will take place in the first week of the program. The results of that test will be used to provide you with advice about any remedial actions that may be necessary to satisfy the proficiency required for teaching at the primary school level.

The English curriculum scope and sequence document for Primary school, which outlines some of the language features you will be required to teach can be found here <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/english/curriculum/f-10?layout=1>

Teachers need to know about English language structures, grammar and punctuation. You can self-test your knowledge in quizzes at the following websites.

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm

<http://www.grammar-quizzes.com/>

How did you fare on these grammar quizzes? Do you need some more help with knowledge and skills in English language structures and grammar? We will be using the text book. *Teaching English Grammar: A Handbook for Australian Teachers*. Campbell & Ryles. Pearson Australia. It's a great resource.

Application Literacy Submission Requirement:

The *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* (AITSL) which underpin our course and teacher's work describe the skills, knowledge and dispositions required of the profession. As a teacher, you will be expected to demonstrate your competency in addressing the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers You can find these standards (Graduate Level) at this link <http://www.aitsl.edu.au/australian-professional-standards-for-teachers/standards/list?c=graduate>

One such standard (APST 2.4), requires teachers to “demonstrate broad knowledge of, understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and

languages". In a **hand-written paragraph of no more than 250 words**, giving attention to Australian Standard English protocols, what is your response to this statement? Scan and attach this response with this application.