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UPDATE FOR TEACHER EDUCATORS

The Institute Website

The Institute has created on its website two updated sections that are relevant to the work of teacher educators: www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au /*Initial Teacher Education* (for teacher education institutions) and /*Teaching in NSW* (for potential teachers). The contents of each section are clarified below.

Recognised Programs

The list of Institute-recognised initial teacher education programs in NSW and ACT may be found on the website at /*Initial Teacher Education /Recognised Programs*. The end-date for program approval is also listed. In line with the Transition Arrangements, signed off by all teacher education institutions mid 2007, we are anticipating that a number of initial teacher education programs will be submitted for approval by 30 April 2008, for review and assessment prior to delivery in 2009. These programs are either new or current programs that cease to be approved on 31 December 2008.

Forward Planning

As stated in the Transition Arrangements documentation, each institution is expected to submit, by 30 April 2008, programs that are either listed in the attached document as 'Approved to 2008' or are equivalent new programs. A forward planning document is being prepared to determine the Institute's workload and that of the ITEC Panels, for review and assessment of initial teacher education programs.

Attached is the list of *Approved ITE Programs in NSW and ACT*. We are seeking your advice on your proposed date for submission of each program for approval. We would also welcome early submission of programs 'Approved to 2009 or 2010'.

Universities Admissions Centre (NSW and ACT) [UAC]

From 1 January 2009 each teacher education institution will be responsible for determining that an applicant for an approved initial teacher education program has met the prerequisites for admission, so that upon graduation the graduate will be eligible for accreditation to teach in any NSW school.

Following an Initial Teacher Education Committee (ITEC) decision last year, each teacher education institution (and not the Institute) will need to notify UAC of prerequisites for admission to its initial teacher education programs, including subject content requirements specified as prerequisites for admission. These requirements are specified on the Institute website at /*Initial Teacher Education /Program Requirements /Graduate Teacher Standards 1.1.1-1.1.3 (Subject Content Requirements)*

You may find it useful to make reference to the abridged version of the Institute's subject content requirements found at /*Teaching in NSW /Subject Content Requirements (abridged)*

Professional Experience

Draft supplementary documentation will be distributed shortly to all stakeholders for consultation. At present the number of days of supervised classroom experience required by the Institute follows the previous recommendation of 40-45 days for a one year program, 60 days for a two year program and 80 days for a four year program. The specifications distributed by the former Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training form part of a pilot project in line with Commonwealth budgetary requirements and at present are not Institute specifications.

Application for Approval

The suite of 11 documents that relates to an application for approval of an initial teacher education program is on the website at */Initial Teacher Education /Application for Approval*. Please note that the application form template and the unit outline template are NOT mandatory, but have been provided to assist program co-ordinators.

ITEC Panel Assessment

On the website at */Initial Teacher Education* is information on ITEC Panels and the process of Panel review and assessment, with a template for teacher educators' Expression of Interest for participation on ITEC Panels. We would be grateful if you encouraged ALL teacher educators to join with other members of the profession to review and assess programs.

Initial Teacher Education Committee

Details of ITEC matters are at */Initial Teacher Education* with information on membership, meeting dates and meeting updates for your information.

Teaching in NSW

This section of the website is for potential teachers - undergraduates, graduates and school students - seeking to study an initial teacher education program to be eligible for provisional accreditation in NSW. The section includes:

- *Information for potential teachers* – information on prerequisites for admission to an initial teacher education program, as well as eligibility requirements for employment and accreditation as a teacher in NSW schools
- *Interstate teachers* – information on recognition arrangements and links to interstate institutes for recognised interstate initial teacher education programs
- *Overseas-trained teachers* – information on the recognition of teaching qualifications and required documentary evidence
- *Subject content requirements* – information on requirements for provisional accreditation to teach in primary or secondary schools in New South Wales (abridged version)
- *Recognised programs* – information on initial teacher education programs currently and recently offered in NSW and the ACT
- *English language requirements* – information on the requirements for English proficiency for teachers.

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