



About the preliminary assessment for accreditation at Professional Leadership

The preliminary application contains questions designed to assist you with assessing your practice against the [Professional Teaching Standards](#) at the level of Professional Leadership. In answering, you must keep in mind that in a full submission you will need to provide evidence of meeting the Standards, so only answer 'yes' to a question if you are able to support the answer with:

- a document/s as evidence
- a referee who can confirm it
- observable classroom practice.

You can use the [Evidence Guide for Professional Leadership](#) for ideas about sources of evidence. If you believe you could answer 'yes' but have no evidence, you could consider how you might go about obtaining such evidence.

The assessment process

- You respond to the assessment questions online
- The Institute completes an analysis of your responses
- The Institute emails a report on the likelihood of successfully gaining accreditation. The report also gives feedback on Elements in which you are strong, have reasonable coverage of the Standards, or need further development.

The report is based solely on your own responses – you must carefully consider the feedback as one view of your sustained achievement of the Standards. To gain a broader view, you should also discuss the feedback and your ongoing practice with colleagues or a critical friend.

Some sample questions

These questions, similar to those in the preliminary assessment, are adapted from the [Evidence Guide for Professional Leadership Support Document](#).

Do you:

1. encourage colleagues to share their content/discipline knowledge during collaborative reviews of teaching and learning programs?
2. revise teaching and learning programs to take account of new understandings from recent research into student learning?
3. initiate and promote the use of specialist teaching staff to contribute to the professional capacity of colleagues?
4. demonstrate use of ICT in classrooms to colleagues and explain its impact on student learning?
5. demonstrate to colleagues a repertoire of effective strategies for managing student behaviour?
6. use the Professional Teaching Standards as the basis for advising colleagues on their professional development needs?
7. establish and maintain supportive relationships with key local community services and businesses?

Completing a preliminary application

A preliminary assessment will cost \$60. Go to www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au and click **My Account**. Enter your login and password, or create a new account if you do not have one. On the Members Home page, click **Apply for Professional Leadership**, then **My preliminary application**. Once you have paid, you will have online access to the application.