



SUBJECT CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING IN A NSW PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL (ABRIDGED)

Eligibility for Accreditation to Teach

You are eligible for accreditation to teach in a primary or secondary school in New South Wales as a Graduate Teacher after completing one of the following qualifications at a recognised higher education institution*:

- an undergraduate degree, and a graduate entry teacher education program (such as a master of teaching, graduate diploma in education); or
- an undergraduate double degree program (such as a bachelor of commerce/bachelor of teaching); or
- an integrated undergraduate program (such as a bachelor of education degree) which includes both subject content studies and teacher education.

If you have completed an undergraduate degree:

- you are eligible to become a provisionally accredited teacher by completing a recognised* graduate entry initial teacher education qualification such as a graduate diploma in education, a graduate entry bachelor of teaching or a master of teaching.

*The list of **Approved Initial Teacher Education Programs in NSW and ACT (abridged)** is on this website. See <http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/Teaching-in-NSW.html>

Your undergraduate studies:

- are prerequisites for admission to an initial teacher education program
- are aligned to primary or secondary teaching
 - cover a range of primary curriculum areas for primary teaching
 - match secondary subject content requirements for the subject(s) that you intend to teach for secondary teaching
- establish your eligibility for accreditation for employment in schools (with initial teacher education studies).

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCREDITATION TO TEACH IN A NSW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prerequisites for Admission to a Primary Initial Teacher Education Program

1. Undergraduate

Prior to entering an undergraduate teacher education program, you must have achieved a Higher School Certificate minimum Band 4 in English Advanced or minimum Band 4 in Standard English or minimum Band 4 in English as a Second Language, AND Higher School Certificate minimum Band 4 in General Mathematics, or completion of Mathematics (2 Unit).

Where you do not meet these entry requirements, a tertiary institution may offer concurrent study or appropriate bridging units and/or require satisfactory performance in approved tests in literacy and numeracy before graduation.

2. Graduate

Undergraduate subject content studies are required in addition to a teaching qualification.

For primary teaching this means you need to have a range of studies across curriculum areas in your undergraduate degree.

For accreditation as a primary teacher your degree should contain:

- one full academic year of study (2 units) in four of the following key learning areas; OR
- two full academic years of study (4 units) in one key learning area AND one full academic year of study (2 units) in two other key learning areas listed below.

These undergraduate studies are prerequisites for admission to a graduate entry initial teacher education program (such as a graduate diploma of education, a bachelor of teaching, or a master of teaching).

During the graduate entry primary initial teacher education program you will study Years K-6 teaching methodology and undertake professional experience in primary schools.

Assessment of Subject Content Requirements for Primary Teaching

A university or other higher education institution assesses your undergraduate study based on Institute of Teachers requirements.

All undergraduate teacher education programs in NSW are approved on this basis.

You may like to make a self-assessment of your transcript/s to check whether you have the prerequisites for admission to a graduate entry initial teacher education program. See the proforma at <http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/Teaching-in-NSW.html> /Subject Content Requirements /Proforma for Assessment of Transcript /Secondary.

A University or other Higher Education Institution may recommend that you undertake a self-assessment before application to a graduate entry initial teacher education program; however, **your self-assessment cannot substitute for an institution decision.**

The institution to which you apply for graduate entry to an initial teacher education program makes the final decision based on the Institute's subject content requirements.

The Institute of Teachers issues a *Statement of Eligibility for Accreditation* to all Graduate Teachers of approved initial teacher education programs. The Teacher Accreditation Authority is responsible for accrediting a teacher at the point of employment.

Minimum Undergraduate Subject Content Requirements for Primary Teaching

Key Learning Area	Related areas of academic study may include
English	English with a strong core component of study of English literature, communications, creative writing, language studies (English), linguistics (may be counted for one KLA), literature studies, media studies (ie the theoretical study of media or where the product is a literary text).
Mathematics	Pure or applied mathematics, statistics (one unit only may be counted provided it was studied as a stand-alone unit), other studies of mathematics that are relevant to the central concepts, modes of enquiry and structure of the content/discipline(s).
Science and technology	Agriculture, architecture (2 units only may be counted), biology, bio-technology, chemistry, computing studies, design - interior, industrial, graphic, fashion, product, landscape (2 units only may be counted), engineering (chemical, mechanical, civil, electrical, environmental), food technology, geology, materials science, media production, medicine, nursing, physics, psychology (may only be counted for one KLA).
Human society and its environment	Aboriginal studies, anthropology, archaeology, Asian or Pacific studies, business studies, cultural studies, economic history, economics, environmental/land use studies, futures studies, geography, government & citizenship, history, industrial relations, languages, including Aboriginal languages, linguistics (may only be counted for one KLA), legal studies, psychology (may only be counted for one KLA), political science, sociology, studies of religion.
Creative and practical arts	Dance including practical experience in choreography and performance in several dance styles and dance history/theory, drama including experiential involvement in making and performing drama, music including performing (singing, playing and moving), listening and organising sound (composing) within a wide range of repertoire, visual arts including art making and art history/theory.
Personal development, health and physical education	Physical education studies, family studies, health studies, health promotion, human movement studies, nutrition education, sports science.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCREDITATION TO TEACH IN A NSW SECONDARY SCHOOL

Prerequisites for Admission to a Secondary Initial Teacher Education Program

1. Undergraduate

Prior to entering an undergraduate teacher education program, you must have achieved a Higher School Certificate minimum Band 4 in Standard English or minimum Band 4 in English as a Second Language or minimum Band 4 in English Advanced.

Where you do not meet these entry requirements, a tertiary institution may offer concurrent study or appropriate bridging units and/or require satisfactory performance in an approved test in literacy before graduation.

2. Graduate

Undergraduate subject content studies are required in addition to a teaching qualification.

For secondary teaching, where teachers specialise in a subject(s), undergraduate studies must match the subject(s) that you intend to teach (for example first subject English and second subject Modern History).

These undergraduate studies are prerequisites for admission to a graduate entry initial teacher education program (such as a graduate diploma of education, a bachelor of teaching, or a master of teaching).

During the graduate entry secondary initial teacher education program you will study Years 7-12 teaching methodology and undertake professional experience in secondary schools

Prerequisites for admission in the subject/s you intend to teach are as follows:

First subject you intend to teach

In your undergraduate degree* you are required to undertake three years (6 units or a major) of studies in one subject with at least 4 of these units at level (year) 2 or above, and at least one teaching methodology unit and professional experience in that area.

Second subject you intend to teach

If you wish to be qualified to teach a second subject (for flexibility of employment) in your undergraduate degree* you are required to undertake at least two years (4 units) of studies with at least 2 units at level (year) 2 or above, and at least one teaching methodology unit and professional experience in that area.

*Note that appropriate postgraduate studies may be considered.

Assessment of Subject Content Requirements for Secondary Teaching

A University or other Higher Education Institution assesses your undergraduate study based on Institute requirements. All undergraduate teacher education programs in NSW are approved on this basis.

You may like to make a self-assessment of your transcript/s to check whether you have the prerequisites for admission to a graduate entry initial teacher education program. See the proforma at <http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/Teaching-in-NSW.html> /Subject Content Requirements /Proforma for Assessment of Transcript /Secondary.

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Subject Area Years 7-12	Relevant areas of academic study for first teaching subject	Relevant areas of academic study for second teaching subject
English	A major in English (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) with at least 3 units of a strong core of textual studies including literature. Other units may include studies in communications, creative writing, linguistics, media studies.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in English with at least two units at level 2 or above including at least two units of a strong core of textual studies including literature. Other units may include studies in communications, creative writing, linguistics, media studies.
Mathematics	A major in pure or applied mathematics (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) (must include algebra and calculus). One unit only of statistics may be counted provided it is studied as a stand-alone unit.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in pure or applied mathematics with two units at level 2 or above (must include algebra and calculus). One unit only of statistics may be counted provided it is studied as a stand-alone unit.
Biology	A major in science (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) of four units in biology and two units in one of chemistry or physics.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in science with at least two units at level 2 or above including two units in biology and two units in chemistry or physics.
Chemistry	A major in science (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) of four units in chemistry and two units in one of physics or biology or earth and environmental science.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in science with at least two units at level 2 or above, including two units in chemistry and two units in one of physics or biology or earth and environmental science.
Earth and Environmental Science	A major in science (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) of one unit in biology and one unit in geology or environmental science and two units in chemistry or physics and two other science units.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in science with at least two units at level 2 or above including one unit in biology and one unit in geology or environmental science and two units in chemistry or physics.
Physics	A major in science (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) of four units in physics and two units in one of biology or chemistry or earth and environmental science.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in science with at least two units at level 2 or above, including two units in physics and two units in one of biology or chemistry or earth and environmental science.
Aboriginal	A major in Aboriginal studies (three	At least two years (four units) of

Studies	years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as contact and Aboriginal history, anthropology, Aboriginal literature, Aboriginal language and linguistics.	degree level study in Aboriginal studies with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as contact and Aboriginal history, anthropology, Aboriginal literature, Aboriginal language and linguistics.
Ancient History	A major in ancient history (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as ancient history, archaeology.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in ancient history with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as ancient history, archaeology.
Business Studies	A major in business related studies (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including at least one unit of finance or accounting and one unit of business management and remaining units drawn from: business law (Australian/ English), economics, human resource management, industrial relations, marketing.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in business related studies with at least two units at level 2 or above including at least one unit of finance and one unit of business management and two units drawn from business law (Australian/English), economics, human resource management, industrial relations or marketing.
Economics	A major in economics (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above).	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in economics with two units at level 2 or above.
Geography	A major in geography (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above).	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in geography with two units at level 2 or above.
Legal Studies	A major in social sciences (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including legal studies.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in social sciences with two units at level 2 or above including legal studies
Modern History	A major in modern history (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as Australian history, contact and Aboriginal history, early modern history, historiography, modern history.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in modern history with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as Australian history, contact and Aboriginal history, early modern history, historiography, modern history.
Society & Culture	A major in social sciences (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as Aboriginal studies, anthropology, archaeology, Asian or Pacific studies, civics, cultural studies, government, history, media studies, philosophy, politics,	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in social sciences with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as Aboriginal studies, anthropology, archaeology, Asian or Pacific studies, civics, cultural studies, government, history, media studies, philosophy,

	psychology (only one unit may be counted), religion studies, social communication, sociology (at least one unit preferred).	politics, psychology (only one unit may be counted), religion studies, social communication, sociology (at least one unit preferred).
Studies of Religion	A major in social sciences (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as studies in religion (preferably comparative religions) and culture.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in social sciences with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as studies in religion (preferably comparative religions) and culture.
Agricultural Technology	a major in agriculture (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in an area such as agricultural science, agricultural technology or horticulture including studies of plants and animals, animal care, agricultural enterprises, chemical safety.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in social sciences with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as agricultural science, agricultural technology or horticulture including studies of plants and animals, animal care, agricultural enterprises, chemical safety.
Computing Technology Information Systems	A major in computing or computing technology (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including at least two units that develop skills in information and communications technologies and information systems eg database design including relational databases and communication systems/networking.	At least two years (4 units) of degree level studies in computing or computing technology with at least two units at level 2 or above including at least two units that develop skills in information and communications technologies and information systems eg database design including relational databases and communication systems/networking.
Computing Technology Software Design	A major in computing or computing technology (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including at least two units that develop skills in the design and development of software eg programming in a computer-based language and system analysis, design, development and testing.	At least two years (4 units) of degree level studies in computing or computing technology with at least two units at level 2 or above including at least two units that develop skills in the design and development of software eg programming in a computer-based language and system analysis, design, development and testing.
Design & Technology	A major in design or design related study (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as architecture, fashion design, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape design, product design, including two units of practical application in designing and producing in one or more of the	At least two years (4 units) of degree level studies in design or design related study with at least two units at level 2 or above in areas such as architecture, fashion design, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape design, product design, including two units of practical application in designing and producing in one or

	following technology related areas such as agriculture, computing, engineering, food technology, industrial technology (wood, metals, plastics), graphics/ multimedia, textile technology.	more of the following technology related areas such as agriculture, computing, engineering, food technology, industrial technology (wood, metals, plastics), graphics/ multimedia, textile technology.
Engineering Studies	A major in engineering or engineering studies (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including studies of the application of engineering principles and methods, management and problem-solving in engineering contexts, and responsibilities of engineers in society.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in engineering or engineering studies with two units at level 2 or above including studies of the application of engineering principles and methods, management and problem-solving in engineering contexts, and responsibilities of engineers in society
Food Technology	A major in food technology (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including theoretical studies and practical applications in food industry (such as Australian), food manufacture, food product development, contemporary food issues and food marketplace.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in food technology with two units at level 2 or above including theoretical studies and practical applications in food industry (such as Australian), food manufacture, food product development, contemporary food issues and food marketplace.
Graphics and Multimedia Technology	A major in graphic design or multimedia design (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including computer-aided design (CAD) and theoretical studies and practical applications in at least three of the following areas: architecture and architectural drawing (such as Australian), cabinet drawing, computer animation, engineering drawing, furniture drawing, landscape drawing, product and technical illustration.	At least two years (4 units) of degree level studies in graphic design or multimedia design with at least two units at level 2 or above including computer-aided design (CAD) and theoretical studies and practical applications in at least three of the following areas: architecture and architectural drawing (such as Australian), cabinet drawing, computer animation, engineering drawing, furniture drawing, landscape drawing, product and technical illustration.
Industrial Technology	A major in industrial design, industrial technology or technics areas or engineering (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including studies in areas such as wood, metals, plastics, electronics, technical drawing and engineering studies.**	At least two years (4 units) of degree level studies in industrial design with at least two units at level 2 or above, industrial technology or technics areas or engineering including studies in areas such as wood, metals, plastics, electronics, technical drawing and engineering studies.**
Textiles	A major in textile studies (three	At least two years (four units) of

Technology	years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in areas such as textile technology or fashion design and including theoretical studies and practical applications in areas such as design, properties and performance of textiles and textile, clothing, footwear and allied industries (such as Australian).	degree level study in textile studies with two units at level 2 or above in areas such as textile technology or fashion design and including theoretical studies and practical applications in areas such as design, properties and performance of textiles and textile, clothing, footwear and allied industries (such as Australian).
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	<p>A major (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) in personal development and/or health studies (with a socio-cultural perspective) and/or physical education</p> <p>WITH</p> <p>at least three units of study in health education including mental health, sexual health, relationships, drug education, child protection education, gender studies and risk taking behaviour</p> <p>AND</p> <p>at least three units of study in physical education including contemporary physical activities, dance, gymnastics, games and sport. Vocationally oriented courses, coaching certificates, umpiring/refereeing accreditation in sports and physical activities are not recognised as equivalent.</p>	<p>At least two years (four units) of degree level study in personal development and/or health studies (with a socio-cultural perspective) and/or physical education with at least two units at level 2 or above</p> <p>WITH</p> <p>at least two units of study in health education including mental health, sexual health, relationships, drug education, child protection education, gender studies and risk taking behaviour</p> <p>AND</p> <p>at least two units of study in physical education including contemporary physical activities, dance, gymnastics, games and sport. Vocationally oriented courses, coaching certificates, umpiring/refereeing accreditation in sports and physical activities are not recognised as equivalent.</p>
Languages	<p>A major in a language (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including study of the spoken and written language.</p> <p>Where the language is an Aboriginal language there may be specific cultural requirements.</p>	<p>At least two years (four units) of degree level study in a language with two units at level 2 or above including study of the spoken and written language.</p> <p>Where the language is an Aboriginal language there may be specific cultural requirements.</p>
Dance	<p>A major in dance (three academic years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including all of the following: history and analysis of dance, performance, with a technique base in modern/contemporary dance and ballet, applied anatomy and kinesiology, and composition/choreography. Dance studies must</p>	<p>At least two years (four units) of degree level study in dance with two units at level 2 or above including all of the following: history and analysis of dance, performance, with a technique base in modern/ contemporary dance and ballet, applied anatomy and kinesiology, and composition/choreography. Dance studies must</p>

	be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.	be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.
Drama	A major in drama (three academic years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including all of the following: performance, production, theory, and preferably Australian drama. Drama studies must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in drama with two units at level 2 or above including all of the following: performance, production, theory, and preferably Australian drama. Drama studies must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.
Music	A major in music (three academic years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including all of the following: musicological study (music history and analysis) in a range of musical styles, periods and genres with a strong component of contemporary and western art music, compositional techniques, music performance studies (a minimum of two years of music performance studies) and preferably Australian music. The study of music and music practice must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in music with at least two units at level 2 or above including all of the following: musicological study (music history and analysis) in a range of musical styles, periods and genres with a strong component of contemporary and western art music, compositional techniques, music performance studies (a minimum of one year (two units) of music performance studies) and preferably Australian music. The study of music and music practice must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.
Visual Arts	A major in visual arts (three years of degree level study with at least 4 units at level 2 or above) including all of the following: practical studies in 2 and 3 and/or 4 dimensional art forms, art theory/history (a minimum of one year), and studio art making practice (a minimum of one year). The study of visual arts must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.	At least two years (four units) of degree level study in visual arts with at least two units at level 2 or above including all of the following: practical studies in 2 and 3 and/or 4 dimensional art forms, art theory/history (a minimum of one unit), and studio art making practice (a minimum of one unit). The study of visual arts must be developed as a discrete discipline. Vocationally oriented courses are not recognised as equivalent.

Source: NSW Institute of Teachers *Supplementary Documentation Graduate Teacher Standards 1.1.1-1.1.3 Subject Content Requirements* (September 2007).

Additional notes

** Additional study may be undertaken in Industrial technology automotives - at least two units of automotive studies, Industrial technology building and construction - at least two units of study in building and construction, Industrial technology electronics - at least two units of

study in electronics, Industrial technology multimedia - at least two units of study in multimedia.