

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000863

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

AITSL - minimum training for teaching students with disability

Question

What is the minimum training in teaching students with disability a teacher must complete before they can graduate from an accredited teacher training course?

Answer

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership has provided the following response.

The Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures (April 2011) requires that all graduates from teacher education programs must meet the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* (APST) at the Graduate career stage.

The APST specifically require that graduates are able to:

- 1.1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning.
- 1.5 Demonstrate knowledge and understand of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.
- 1.6 Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of legislative requirements and teaching strategies that support participation and learning of students with disability.