

Supervised teaching practice

What is supervised teaching practice (STP)?

Supervised teaching practice is the compulsory component of an initial teacher education program during which time a student teacher is on a school placement and engaged in the teaching and learning process with school students. This teaching practice is under the supervision of a qualified teacher and university education staff and is formally assessed by the university. University based teaching practice activities undertaken with fellow students and university staff will not be considered.

Does work experience count towards meeting the supervised teaching practice requirements?

No. For the purpose of skills assessment, work experience undertaken before, or after the completion of an initial teacher education qualification is not supervised teaching practice. Only supervised teaching practice undertaken with school students in a school setting, as a compulsory component of an initial teacher education qualification, will be considered.

Does supervised teaching practice (STP) need to be completed with every age specified for an occupation?

No. The minimum duration of supervised teaching practice must be undertaken within the age range but does not need to be completed with every age in the age range. For example, if you are applying for early childhood occupation and the STP requirement states birth to 8 years range and you have done birth to 5 years, we would consider the STP as meeting the requirement.

What must be submitted?

We require an official statement from the university awarding the ITE qualification as evidence of supervised teaching practice. The official statement must:

- be on official university letterhead
- be signed and dated by a university representative
- state the duration of the supervised teaching practice completed
- state the age range of the students taught, and
- state the school setting in which the practice was completed

What is not accepted?

- Statements from affiliated colleges, schools or training providers
- Supervised teaching practice reports (i.e., placement reports signed by the supervising teacher)
- Qualified Teacher Status, Induction or Teacher Registration certificates
- Work experience statements or reports.