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New national guidelines launched for Professional Experience in Initial Teacher Education programs

The Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) 2024 Conference will bring together Deans of education, education academics, education associations and government representatives to launch the new Australian Professional Experience Guidelines.

The new national guidelines have been developed by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

The guidelines support recommendations from the Teacher Education Expert Panel (TEEP) including providing pre-service teachers with opportunities to learn, practice and be assessed on the core curriculum elements which will now be embedded in all ITE programs.

ACDE President Michele Simons said the new guidelines emphasise the central role that Professional Experience plays in the development of new teachers for the profession.

“As Deans we fully support the importance of strong partnerships with schools to best prepare our future teachers.

“In the context of nationwide teacher shortages, we are committed to promoting high quality professional experience placements for all Pre-service Teachers.

“Pre-service Teachers highly value professional experience as key to their successful transition to the profession.

“High quality placements are central to assisting Pre-service Teachers to receive mentoring and support to develop the insights and capabilities they will need to make a real impact on the quality of learning for students in schools.”

The Guidelines will be formally launched by Tim Bullard, AITSL CEO, at the ACDE Conference at Deakin University on 1 November 2024.

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