

Meeting the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

The Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST) define the work of teachers and what quality teaching involves. These standards should be achieved by teachers at every stage of their career. In order to become a registered teacher, or progress to Highly Accomplished or Lead certification, evidence of meeting the standards is required.

Teaching school swimming and water safety programs provides teachers with the opportunity to meet the following standards of the APST.

Professional knowledge

1. Know students and how they learn

- 1.1. Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of learners
- 1.2. Understand how students learn
- 1.5. Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities
- 1.6. Strategies to support full participation of students with disability

2. Know the content and how to teach it

- 2.1. Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area(s)
- 2.2. Content selection and organisation
- 2.3. Curriculum, assessment and reporting

Professional practice

3. Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning

- 3.1. Establish challenging learning goals
- 3.2. Plan, structure and sequence learning programs
- 3.3. Use teaching strategies
- 3.4. Select and use resources
- 3.5. Use effective communication
- 3.6. Evaluate and improve teaching programs
- 3.7. Engage parents / carers in the educative process



Professional practice (continued)

4. Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments

- 4.1 Support student participation
- 4.2 Manage learning and teaching activities
- 4.3 Manage challenging behaviour
- 4.4 Maintain student safety

5. Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning

- 5.1 Assess student learning
- 5.2 Provide feedback to students on their learning
- 5.3 Make consistent and comparable judgements
- 5.4 Interpret student data
- 5.5 Report on student achievement

Professional engagement

7. Engage professionally with colleagues, parents / carers and the community

- 7.1 Meet professional ethics and responsibilities
- 7.2 Comply with legislative, administrative and organisational requirements
- 7.3 Engage with the parents / carers
- 7.4 Engage with professional teaching networks and broader communities

Teachers are encouraged to gather and maintain evidence to support how they have met the standards above. Some evidence can be gained during the planning and implementation of school swimming and water safety programs.

For more information about the APST, visit www.aitsl.edu.au/teach/standards.