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LANTITE SUPPORT

Your guide to LANTITE support services at the University of Adelaide

The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) is designed to assess initial teacher education students' personal literacy and numeracy skills to ensure teachers are well equipped to meet the demands of teaching and assist higher education providers, teacher employers and the general public to have increased confidence in the skills of graduating teachers.

What is the LANTITE?

Well trained, skilled and knowledgeable teachers provide the foundation for a high quality education system in which every Australian student receives excellent teaching.

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For details about the test, please visit <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/about>

When should I sit the LANTITE?

At the University of Adelaide, all teacher education students in Bachelor of Teaching double degrees and the Master of Teaching must sit and pass both the literacy and numeracy components of the test.

Our recommendation is to sit the LANTITE as early as possible in your degree, e.g. in Year 1 of your studies.

Requirements to complete LANTITE are:

- Bachelor of Teaching (Middle) and Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) double degrees: must pass both components of LANTITE prior to commencing fourth year. You will not be permitted to enrol in Year 4 courses unless you have passed both components.
- Master of Teaching (Middle and Secondary): must pass both components of the LANTITE prior to commencing the course EDUC 7209 Professional Experience III. You will not be permitted to enrol in this course unless you have passed both components.
- Bachelor of Teaching (pre-2019) and Master of Teaching (pre-2019): you must pass both components of the LANTITE prior to graduation. However, we recommend you sit the test as early as possible.

What happens if I fail the test?

You have three opportunities to sit and pass LANTITE. This provides you with reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that your personal literacy and numeracy skills are equivalent to the top 30 per cent of the adult population. Please refer to [ACER re-sit website](#) for information about test attempts.

If you are unsuccessful on your first LANTITE attempt in either literacy or numeracy, you will receive written correspondence from the Head of School of Education recommending voluntary engagement using an online or face-to-face support service.

If you are unsuccessful on your second LANTITE attempt you will be advised in writing from the Head of School of Education that compulsory engagement is required using either the online or face-to-face offerings through the Writing Centre and Maths Learning Centre before a third and final LANTITE attempt is made. You may also wish to speak to your Program Director so they are aware of your situation.

If you are unsuccessful on your third LANTITE attempt you have now exhausted all your attempts. Additional attempts can only be granted in special or extenuating circumstances. You must contact your Program Director to discuss whether you have special and/or extenuating circumstances which would allow for a request for an additional resit opportunity from ACER.

In 2021, the Program Directors are as follows:

- Bachelor of Teaching – Dr John Willison
- Master of Teaching – Dr Steven Stolz

You are responsible for ensuring that you are appropriately prepared to meet the LANTITE requirements by accessing the support available.

Reasonable Adjustments

If you have a disability or other health-related need that might interfere with your ability to sit the test in the standard manner, you can apply for reasonable adjustments with ACER. For more information, please visit:

<https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/reasonable-adjustments>

LANTITE Support

The University of Adelaide provides access to LANTITE support for all Teacher Education students studying a Bachelor of Teaching double degree or a Master of Teaching.

This support can be accessed either Online or Face-to-Face, in conjunction with other systems of support that you need to successfully pass the LANTITE.

Literacy: The Writing Centre

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/writingcentre/home>

The Writing Centre provides one-on-one 30-minute face-to-face and online mentoring appointments and online resources to all students, no matter their skill level, in their development as writers. The Writing Centre can also support you in the Literacy component of the LANTITE test.

The Writing Centre is open for online appointments and face-to-face appointments on-campus 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (Adelaide Time). Hours may vary during holidays.

You may make one 30 minute one-on-one mentoring appointment per day and a maximum of two bookings per week.

We recommend you attend the Writing Centre after having a go at a practice test. We suggest that you:

- Complete the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) LANTITE practice material: <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/prepare/practice-material>. Bring along a copy of the test, your answers and your questions.
- Complete a self-review to identify what you need help with and what you would like to discuss with a Learning Advisor. You should review your grammar, spelling and comprehension and identify specific questions or knowledge you need support with.

There are additional resources that you might find helpful at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/writingcentre/resources/other-resources#education-students>.

Bring along the practice questions you have been having difficulty with and any other supporting documentation so the Learning Advisor can understand what skills you need to develop (e.g. reading comprehension, vocabulary, general writing/reading skills). The Learning Advisor will not help you answer specific LANTITE questions but they can help you develop the skills needed to pass the LANTITE. You might need more than one session, and that's okay!

If you need more support, you can also look at support outside of the University (see page 4).

Numeracy: The Maths Learning Centre

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/mathlearning/>

The Maths Learning Centre is open 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday during Semester times. Hours may vary during holidays.

You can drop in for a face-to-face session on Level 3 East of Hub Central on the North Terrace Campus. There is also an open Zoom meeting that students can join to discuss if you prefer to speak to a tutor online.

The tutors will ask you questions to help clarify what mathematical concepts and skills you want to learn. The tutors will advise you on how to learn the skills and encourage you as they help you figure things out.

The tutors will not tell you direct answers to LANTITE questions, instead you should tell the tutor what specific area of numeracy you need support on.

We recommend you attend the Maths Learning Centre after having a go at a practice test. We suggest that you:

- Complete the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) LANTITE practice material: <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/prepare/practice-material>. Bring along a copy of the test, your answers and your questions.
- Complete the University of Tasmania's numeracy audit: <http://www.utas.edu.au/mathematics-pathways/pathway-to-education>
- Complete a self-review to identify what you need help with and what you'd like to discuss with a Tutor. You should review your knowledge in numbers and algebra, measurement and geometry, statistics and probability and identify what specific questions or knowledge you need support with.

There are additional resources that you might find helpful at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/mathlearning/resources/education-teaching>.

You should bring along the LANTITE practice questions you have been having difficulty with and any other supporting documentation so the tutor can understand what skills you need to develop and work towards achieving them. You might need to attend more than one session, and that's okay!

Keep in mind that the Maths Learning Centre only offer a drop-in service and cannot offer extensive one-on-one support for long periods. It is important that you undertake a self-review so that you know specifically the area of mathematical support you need.

If you cannot attend during regular drop-in session times, please contact the Maths Learning Centre directly to see if they can make an appointment with you. Their contact details are available at: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/mathlearning/about-us>

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General Academic Support

- The University offers [The English Assist Program](#) for international undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students in their first semester of study. The program offers free, interactive conversation-based zoom workshops for speaking and listening, as well as a self-guided course for reading and writing. Program participants also receive first access to 30-minute mentoring appointments with a TESOL trained mentor in the Writing Centre.
- In addition to The English Assist Program, international students can sign up for the [Talking with Aussies](#) program to meet with community volunteers for conversational English practice.
- The Faculty of Arts have [Student Support Academic Mentors](#) (SSAMs) available for one-on-one confidential assistance for students seeking support and advice across a variety of academic issues. The SSAM for the School of Education is Dr Linda Westphalen.
- [Studiosity](#) provides online study help tools on academic literacy skills and coursework support including constructive writing feedback on structure, spelling, grammar and referencing.

Financial Support

The 2021 fee for both LANTITE components (literacy test and numeracy test) is \$196.00 (GST inclusive).

The 2021 fee for a single component (literacy test or numeracy test) is \$98.00 (GST inclusive).

To financially support you in the process of sitting LANTITE, from 2019 the University of Adelaide will reimburse the fee associated with your successful completion of the Literacy component of the LANTITE. You can request a reimbursement regardless of whether this is your first attempt or third, as long as you've passed it. We do not, however, offer reimbursement for failed components, or reimburse for the Numeracy component.

To request a reimbursement, you will need to fill out a [LANTITE Reimbursement Form](#) and attach:

- A copy of your Statement of Literacy Test Result
- A copy of your tax invoice/receipt showing the fee for the Literacy Test

Once you have filled out the form and have the required attachments, please email the School of Education: education@adelaide.edu.au

If you need further financial support, we suggest contacting Student Care. Student Care administers various loans and grants to assist students, which can be viewed on their [Student Loans and Grants](#) page.

Other Support

We understand the LANTITE process can be an overwhelming and stressful experience for Pre-service Teachers. In the first instance, we encourage you to contact your Program Director to discuss your concerns.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider the following support services:

- [Student Life Counselling Support](#) is free, confidential and available to all enrolled students seeking to address issues that may be affecting your study and life. The team also provides numerous online health and wellbeing resources, such as study tips and mental health strategies, in their [Wellbeing Hub](#).
- [Wirltu Yarlu](#) provides a range of support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to overcome problems that may arise with culturally safe personal and academic advice and support.
- [Student Life Disability Support](#) helps students to manage ways to accommodate their disabilities whilst at university so you can focus energies towards studies. The service not only looks at physical or practical assistance, but also at ways to improve study habits in the University environment.
- Education Welfare Officers from [Student Care](#) provide an independent advocacy service and support with academics, financial and personal grievances.

Other Academic Resources

The following additional resources are available for Numeracy and/or Literacy Support.

These resources are collated from online resources and have no affiliation with the University of Adelaide. All associated costs are your responsibility.

Where possible, details of the recommendation are included to help you with your decision making.

Literacy only

- [ReadingWritingHotline](#)
Provides online literacy resources as well as phone support services. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*
- [BCC Teach - Skillswise \(English for adults\)](#)
Free videos and worksheets for adults wanting to improve their reading, writing, spelling and grammar. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*
- [Literacy tests](#)
Western Sydney University literacy preparation guide.
- [Purdue OWL](#)
The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University provides writing resources and instructional material on grammar, punctuation, etc. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*

- [UK Department of Education literacy skills test](#)
Recommended by [University of Newcastle](#) and others.

Numeracy only

- [University of Tasmania's Pathway to Education \(Mathematics Pathways\)](#)
Modules developed for students to gain skills in applied mathematics in education and increase mathematics confidence. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*
- [BCC Teach - Skillswise \(Maths for adults\)](#)
Free videos and worksheets for adults wanting to improve their calculation and numeracy skills. *Recommended by the [University of New South Wales](#).*
- [UNSW LANTITE numeracy training for teachers](#)
Self-paced free course that prepares prospective teachers for the numeracy component. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*
- [Learning Everyday Math](#)
LinkedIn course that explains essential maths concepts. *Recommended by [Edith Cowan University](#).**
- [Deakin University Arts & Education Maths Resources](#)
Provides links to useful maths resources. *Recommended by [University of South Australia](#).*

Numeracy and Literacy

- [Australian Council of Educational Research \(ACER\) practice material](#)
Official LANTITE practice materials by ACER.
- [Department of Education and Training LANTITE Sample Questions](#)
Sample questions about the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students.
- [National Assessment Program \(NAPLAN\) Literacy and Numeracy Tests](#)
Provides literacy and numeracy resources, utilising the Year 5, 7 and 9 sample tests. *Recommended by [Victoria University](#).*
- [Cambridge LANTITE Edge](#)
Developed specifically for students of Educational courses and provides the guidance you need to pass LANTITE. *Recommended by [RMIT University](#).*
- The Victorian "[Strive for Excellence](#) Tutoring"
Literacy and Numeracy courses and practice exams designed and regularly updated by teachers. *Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).*
- Victoria University [LANTITE Preparation Course](#)
Recommended by the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#).
- [The LANTITE test help](#)
Provides study resources for a fee and a free LANTITE study guide. *Recommended by [RMIT University](#).*
- [Multiple-Choice Exams Writing Centre Learning Guide](#)
A resource developed by the Writing Centre to help you tackle multiple-choice exams.