Don’t have three Band 5s and want to teach?

Admission requirements
The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES), which oversees teacher accreditation, has determined new entry requirements for university initial teacher education degrees.

From 2016, a minimum standard of three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English, applies to undertaking an accredited undergraduate teaching degree.

To study teaching, students will need to:

1. achieve at least three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English; OR
2. pass bridging units benchmarked to a Band 5 HSC result; OR
3. enrol in an accredited degree and pass a full year of academic studies in the subjects you will teach; OR
4. complete a BOSTES approved alternative entry pathway.

To meet these requirements, the University offers a number of options.

If students attain two Band 5s in subjects other than English and have a Band 4 in English, they can undertake the University’s English Band 5 bridging course (see www.nd.edu.au/englishbridging).

Otherwise, students can undertake one of Notre Dame’s courses which have been structured to allow applicants to meet the new entry requirement within the degree program, which requires successful completion of the first year to progress into year two of the degree.

Please note ESL English will not count toward the required Band 5 English criteria.

Literacy and Numeracy Testing for Initial Teacher Education students (LANTITE)

From 2017 all teacher education students in NSW are required to sit the national Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) and demonstrate the required minimum level of personal literacy and numeracy prior to their final professional experience. The test is administered externally by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) teacheredtest.acer.edu.au and students will be required to register with ACER and pay for the test.

With all these options, students should contact the Prospective Students Office on 02 8204 4404 or by email to sydney@nd.edu.au where staff are eager to assist you with making the correct choice and to walk you through the process.