Professional Standards

As a professional teacher or trainer you should demonstrate commitment to the following in your professional practice.

Professional values and attributes
Develop your own judgement of what works and does not work in your teaching and training

1. Reflect on what works best in your teaching and learning to meet the diverse needs of learners
2. Evaluate and challenge your practice, values and beliefs
3. Inspire, motivate and raise aspirations of learners through your enthusiasm and knowledge
4. Be creative and innovative in selecting and adapting strategies to help learners to learn
5. Value and promote social and cultural diversity, equality of opportunity and inclusion
6. Build positive and collaborative relationships with colleagues and learners

Professional knowledge and understanding
Develop deep and critically informed knowledge and understanding in theory and practice

7. Maintain and update knowledge of your subject and/or vocational area
8. Maintain and update your knowledge of educational research to develop evidence-based practice
9. Apply theoretical understanding of effective practice in teaching, learning and assessment drawing on research and other evidence
10. Evaluate your practice with others and assess its impact on learning
11. Manage and promote positive learner behaviour
12. Understand the teaching and professional role and your responsibilities

Professional skills
Develop your expertise and skills to ensure the best outcomes for learners

13. Motivate and inspire learners to promote achievement and develop their skills to enable progression
14. Plan and deliver effective learning programmes for diverse groups or individuals in a safe and inclusive environment
15. Promote the benefits of technology and support learners in its use
16. Address the mathematics and English needs of learners and work creatively to overcome individual barriers to learning
17. Enable learners to share responsibility for their own learning and assessment, setting goals that stretch and challenge
18. Apply appropriate and fair methods of assessment and provide constructive and timely feedback to support progression and achievement
19. Maintain and update your teaching and training expertise and vocational skills through collaboration with employers
20. Contribute to organisational development and quality improvement through collaboration with others