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Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub



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Introduction //

The School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme is a one year teacher-training course which enables you to train and develop your skills in the classroom.

Our SCITT course is ideal for people who are eager to learn on the job and make a difference in their community from day one. As a trainee, you'll be interacting every day with pupils and working as a member of teaching staff in a school local to you.

Our research-led programme is designed to give you plenty of practical experience as well as subject-specific training and a deep understanding of effective teaching methods.

You'll be in the classroom from September 2023 and will benefit from the support of a trained mentor throughout your training.

At the end of our programme, you'll be awarded qualified teacher status (QTS) and postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE).

Classroom based learning //

By choosing our programme, you will benefit from hands-on experience at two or more schools and learn from experienced teaching professionals.

Our curriculum focuses on supporting you to put learning into practice and places you in school four days a week from early September until the end of the summer term.

Our programme also includes a six-week placement in a second educational setting later in the year to make sure that you qualify with broad teaching experience.

Specialised training //

Before you enter the classroom, we'll give you two weeks of intensive training focused on core areas such as behaviour management and planning. You will also have a further two weeks of intensive training later in the year.

Once you start your placement, you will have weekly training sessions, designed by Teach First's expert curriculum designers, and sequenced to ensure focus on the areas of teaching that are most relevant to that point in the academic year.

You will take part in six modules across the year - one per half term. In each module you will have self-directed study sessions, live seminars and time to collaborate with other trainees within your placement teaching school hub.

Your self-directed study session will cover a comprehensive range of topics:

- 1. Subject knowledge and pedagogy
- 2. An inclusive classroom environment
- 3. Effective inclusive teaching
- 4. Planning and curriculum
- 5. Assessment

Live seminars will be held for each module and are tailored to whether the trainee is specialising in primary or secondary education. Each module will also include a full day conference which will focus on a combination of core curriculum and subject or phase specific content. The conferences also provide a great opportunity to meet other trainees on the programme.

Subjects offered can vary. Please check our website for details of courses available in your area.

Core programme experience //



Mentoring and support //

You'll be eased into teaching by shadowing other teachers, before leading your own lessons with guidance from more experienced colleagues. You'll work with a range of skilled and knowledgeable subject-specific mentors. Your subject mentor will meet with you regularly to give you guidance. Your lead mentor will deliver your training and oversee your progress throughout the year.

Your mentors also receive support and training from Teach First and us to ensure that they are briefed on the latest research and can tailor their coaching to suit your needs.

Expert course development //

We're working in partnership with Teach First to develop and deliver this high-quality programme.

Teach First have worked with a range of educational experts and school leaders to develop our research-led programme.

With 20 years experience as the largest Initial Teacher Training provider in the country, Teach First are committed to helping all teachers reach their potential and have the greatest impact possible on the pupils they teach.

The qualifications you'll receive //

When you complete your training, you will be awarded qualified teacher status (QTS) by Teach First.

You'll also achieve your postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE) from Teach First's partner university, meaning you'll have a 60 credit Master's level certificate in the study of education.

Eligibility //

To be eligible to apply you will need:

- An undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- To demonstrate sufficient knowledge in the subject you are applying to teach, either through your degree qualification, your A Levels or relevant experience.
- Grade 4 (C) or above in English and Maths GCSEs, or equivalent qualification. To teach Primary, you will also need Grade 4 (C) or above in Science GCSE.

We will not consider candidates with pending GCSEs. Functional skills qualifications are not equivalent to Maths and English GCSEs.

We accept most equivalency test providers. You will need to have passed your GCSE equivalency test before applying to our programme; we will not be able to process your application until you have passed.

Overseas qualifications will be reviewed by the UK national agency for international qualifications and skills (ENIC) to ensure they meet programme requirements.

International candidates

You'll need the right to study in the UK. You already have this if, for example, you:

- are an Irish citizen
- have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (you may still be able to apply)
- have indefinite leave to remain in the UK

If you do not already have the right to study in the UK, you may need to apply for a visa. The main visa for fee-paying courses (those that you have to pay for) is the Student visa.

Course accessibility //

Equality, diversity and inclusion are fundamental to our programmes and partnerships. You will have access to our partner university's support services and we will take a tailored approach to all reasonable adjustments trainees may need. You will be able to apply to Student Finance for additional support dependent on eligibility, for example Disabled Students' Allowance.

Personal qualities //

We work with teachers who are committed to pursuing and celebrating success for themselves and their pupils, as well as having a passion for their subject. The PGCE is a challenging course and applicants need a wide range of skills, knowledge, experiences, and an aptitude for teaching. Forming relationships and good communication is key as well as being able to both problem solve independently and ask for support when needed. Not to mention tenacity and versatility to overcome the obstacles you'll face.

Fees and financial support //

The course fees for UK students in 2023 to 2024 are \pounds 9,250.

The tuition fees for UK/EU students are typically: Full-time: \pounds 9,250 per year.

You will be registered as a full-time student throughout the programme so have access to lots of student benefits, as well as a student loan to cover your fees. Depending on your subject and qualifications, you may also be eligible for a bursary or grant to support you throughout your training.

We encourage potential applicants to check on the Department for Education's website to find out more about funding options.

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-andsupport

How to apply //

Visit www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training and choose Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub as a provider. We'll then contact you directly with information about the next steps in the application process.

All offers are subject to satisfactory results from necessary pre-employment checks.



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