Who can complete this programme?

This programme is mostly aimed at those who currently work (or have experience) in an environment with children and young people. This may include teaching or learning support assistants who wish to progress their career, laboratory technicians, school librarians, or participation and youth officers. Applicants must meet usual PGCE entry requirements and will require the headteacher to formally endorse their application. It may also be possible to match you to eligible applicants if you do not already have someone in your school.

There are a limited number of places on the Salaried scheme.

How can my school participate in this programme?

You’ll need to be a mainstream state school to take part in the scheme. You will need to hold at least Employer School status with the partnership by applying to demonstrate your school’s ability to meet the entry criteria. See more on our website at Partnership Opportunities.

Fees and Funding – Highlights

• The cost of study for all student teachers is supported by a training grant from Welsh Government.
• You will need to pay your student teacher at a minimum of Point 1 of the Unqualified Teacher scale.
• Secondary: For identified Secondary priority subject areas, Welsh Government pay a salary contribution of 50% per year (at point 1 of the unqualified teachers’ pay scale). Welsh medium secondary schools receive a salary contribution of 55%. This is administered through the partnership.
• The ITE Partnership provides some support with the cost of mentoring (£900 per student over the two year programme). Additional partnership financial support is also available for schools who are also Lead or Associate partner schools.
• Primary schools are not eligible for the salary incentive

What subjects do you offer?

We currently offer Primary and Secondary Science, Welsh, English or Maths. Additional subjects may be offered over time – please check our website for up-to-date information.

Where can I find out more?

• Read more about working with us an Employer school at: http://www.open.ac.uk/wales/en/our-work/pgce-school-partnership-opportunities
• Read more about the PGCE programme at: https://www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/wales/pgce
• Contact us at Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk

Familiarisation

September Year 1

Module 1: Oct – Feb ½ Term

• 2.5 days Employment
• 1.5 days supervised PGCE Practice Learning (to include 15% PPA)
• 1 day protected online study

Consolidation

Module 2: Feb ½ Term – May

• 2.5 days Employment. This can decrease to 2 days from Easter.
• 2 days supervised PGCE Practice Learning (to include 15% PPA). This can increase to 2.5 days from Easter.
• ½ day protected online study

Second School Experience June-July

Lead/Associate Schools

• 1 day Employment
• 1 day online study
• 3 days SSE

Employer Schools

• 1 day online study
• 4 days SSE

Autonomy

Module 3: Year 2 – Sept – July

• 2.5 -3.5 days Independent Teaching with Monitoring
• Enhanced PPA of 1 day. Any remaining time on employment duties.
• ½ day online study
• Optional enrichment opportunities

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