



# TEACHING

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# About School Direct

Across England there are school-led training options for graduates who want ***hands-on training*** in a school. On a school-led training course, you'll get the chance to learn on the job in at least two schools, learning from experienced colleagues and putting your new skills into practice from day one.

School-led courses last a year and result in the award of qualified teacher status (QTS). Most courses include a [postgraduate certificate in education](#) – or PGCE, which is likely to carry with it Master's-level credits.



# Benefits for trainees

“School Direct offers the experience of a school from the start, making teaching a far less daunting prospect.”

“You are able to embed yourself into the school more than you would on a traditional placement, and therefore build stronger relationships with pupils and teachers that will help to improve your teaching.”

“This sense of belonging is something which underpins the School Direct experience. As a School Direct trainee I have access to the full spectrum of school life. At a basic level, this means that I attend meetings, assist with a form, perform duties, and teach classes. On a training level, however, this means that I have access to a whole range of opportunities for professional development which I can use to enhance my training experience and my future employability.”



# University-led training

Universities and colleges offer teacher training courses for both graduates and undergraduates.

If you already have a degree, one option is to complete a postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE) at a university or college. Universities work with school partnerships to offer at least two school experience placements as part of your training.

If you don't have a degree, you can study for your degree and complete your teacher training at the same time at various universities and colleges in England. Full-time courses usually take three to four years, while part-time courses take four to six years. But if you've got undergraduate credits from previous study, you might be able to complete a course in two years.



# What's on offer ...

- Primary and Secondary Schools places
- School, Sixth Form College
- The University of Chichester & Sussex, & the University of Portsmouth
- School Direct Provision/Initial Teacher Training
- A close working relationship
- A proven track record of excellence in ITT



# All teacher training courses include:

- A minimum of 24 weeks in at least two schools to give you practical classroom experience
- Academic study to give you the knowledge and understanding to teach successfully
- An assessment of your teaching skills (through classroom observation)



# Bursaries and Scholarships for 2018/19

Maths <sup>2</sup>	£20,000 bursary	£10,000	£30,000
	£22,000 scholarship <sup>3</sup>		£32,000
Eligibility 2018/2019 <sup>1</sup>			
	Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's	Early-career payments <sup>2</sup>	Total <sup>2</sup>
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Scholarships <sup>3</sup>	Bursaries		
	Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's		
Physics	£28,000	£26,000	
Chemistry	£28,000	£26,000	
Languages <sup>4</sup>	£28,000 <sup>5</sup>	£26,000	
Computing	£28,000	£26,000	
Geography	£28,000	£26,000	
Biology	-	£26,000	
Classics <sup>6</sup>	-	£26,000	
Bursaries for other subjects			
	Trainee with 1st/PhD	2.1/Master's	2:2
English	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
D&T	£12,000	£9,000	£0
History, Music, RE	£9,000	£4,000	£0
Primary Maths <sup>7</sup>	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000

# Financial support

- You can apply for a scholarship instead of a bursary from a subject association in physics, maths, chemistry and computing
- You may be eligible for a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England
- You may be eligible for a maintenance loan or a non-repayable maintenance grant from Student Finance England to help with living costs



# What do I need to train to teach?



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# Minimum entry requirements

## Statutory requirements

- C-grade GCSEs (or standard equivalents) in English and maths, (plus a C in Science for Primary)
- UK undergraduate degree or a recognised equivalent qualification
- Most providers and schools will expect applicants to have some school experience
- Pass the statutory Skills Tests in literacy & numeracy



# Professional skills tests

- Tests in numeracy and literacy must be passed before you begin training
- You can't take the tests until you have applied for teacher training, but you can book your test in advance for a date by which you expect to have submitted an application
- For practice papers and registration visit the DfE website <http://www.education.gov.uk/sta/professional>



# School experience

- Spend as much time as possible in schools before you apply for teacher training; the insight you gain will be an invaluable part of your application  
  
Contact your local schools to ask if you can observe lessons
- For most courses, you'll be expected to have at least 10 days' experience **before** you submit your application
- School Experience Programme



# Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE)

- If you're interested in teaching physics, maths, chemistry, computing, languages or design and technology, but studied for a different degree, you can boost your subject knowledge before you begin training by completing a subject knowledge enhancement course
- If your school or provider feels that you have the right qualities to become a teacher but you need to up your subject knowledge before you start training, they will talk you through the range of SKE programmes that are available



# How and when to apply

- The application round for teacher training courses starting from September 2018 is now open
- UCAS Teacher Training is used for applications to all teacher training courses
- See the UCAS website for details on how to apply [www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training)

