

DURHAM UNIVERSITY
University Code D86

Durham University offers several routes into teaching both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It is a collegiate university and students will need to apply to a particular college.

Courses on offer

- BA in Primary Education **QTS**
UCAS Code XW12
- Primary – **PGCE**
GTTR Code X100
- Primary Specialising in French – **PGCE**
GTTR Code XR11
- Secondary – **PGCE**
 - Biology - **GTTR Code C1X1**
 - Chemistry - **GTTR Code F1X1**
 - English - **GTTR Code Q3X1**
 - French - **GTTR Code R1X1**
 - Geography - **GTTR Code F8X1**
 - German - **GTTR Code R2X1**
 - History - **GTTR Code V1X1**
 - Maths - **GTTR Code G1X1**
 - Music - **GTTR Code W3X1**
 - PE - **GTTR Code X9C6**
 - Physics - **GTTR Code F3X1**
 - RE - **GTTR Code V6X1**
 - Spanish - **GTTR Code R4X1**
- MA with **QTS** status (**GTTR Code for relevant PGCE**)

BA in Primary Education (QTS)
UCAS Code XW12

This is an undergraduate course designed for students who wish to pursue a career in primary teaching and become curriculum leaders in one of the core national curriculum subjects: English, Maths, Science or Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

Requirements

Grade C at GCSE in English Language, Maths and a Science subject.

Grade B in Spanish for MFL.

For those wishing to teach ICT evidence of ICT skills

BBB at A levels.

Experience of working with children in a primary school and evidence of an interest in teaching.

CRB clearance and medical fitness.

Course outlines

This is a modular system and students must always study six modules in each year of the degree programme, totaling 18 modules over the 3 years.

Students will be based in Queens Campus in Stockton. They will spend 32 weeks in a variety of schools some of which may be outside University term time. There will be a longer final school placement in the final year and particular emphasis will be placed on this for assessment purposes.

Application Procedure

You will need to submit an application through UCAS. You will need to enter the UCAS code of the course you wish to apply for as well as the campus code for your preferred college.

Deadlines

15 January 2010 is the closing date for applications from UK and EU students to be guaranteed equal academic consideration.

General Information

Unit Grades will be used by the University during the 2010 entry cycle. It is planned to use them at confirmation to differentiate between candidates who have narrowly missed the conditions of their offer, should the University be able to admit any of these and this level of differentiation be required. The University does not intend to include unit grades within the conditions of offers.

PGCE (Primary)
GTTR Code X100

This course is for graduates of any honours subject who would like to go into teaching. The Primary course will qualify students to teach children aged between 5 and 11 years old. Students will be trained to teach across the National Curriculum.

Requirements

Students will need to have a good honours degree (generally a 2:1 or equivalent) in any relevant subject. It is not essential to have a degree in a National Curriculum subject but rather the variety of subjects covered at GCSE and A levels will be looked at since primary teachers are required to be able to teach all the subjects at primary school level. You must already possess GSCE (Grades A-C) passes English Language Mathematics and Science at the time of applying for the course.

In the period June to September preceding the course, PGCE students are required to make their own arrangements to gain experience in a primary school for a period of two weeks.

Course outlines

The course runs for 38 weeks, 21 of which are allocated to school-based activities and experience. The course is built upon a partnership with a large number of schools in the region and therefore a range of different school experiences will be provided.

The course will cover all the following subject areas:

- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- English

- Geography
- History
- Information Technology
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science

Application Procedure

Applications are to be made to the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR).

Deadlines

The closing date for Primary applications to the GTTR is 1st December 2009. The University however starts to consider applications from 1st October in the order in which the forms and references are received.

Finance and General Information

If you are a British or EEA citizen who is eligible for government funded tuition, you may be eligible for a PGCE training salary. Tuition fees are paid to your Higher Education Institution in order to cover the cost of teaching and university resources. If you are a British or EEA citizen, the government may pay tuition fees on your behalf.

PGCE (Primary) Specialising in French **GTTR Code XR11**

In recent years the DCFS has been working towards the teaching aimed at providing teachers with the skills to do this.

Requirements

Students will of a modern foreign language to every pupil in Key Stage 2 and this course is need to have a good honours degree (generally a 2:1 or equivalent) in French. Subjects taken at GCSE and A levels will also be looked at since primary teachers are required to be able to teach all the subjects at primary school level. You must also possess GSCE (Grades A-C) passes in English Language, Mathematics and Science (or equivalent qualifications) at the time of joining the course.

In the period June to September preceding the course, PGCE students are required to make their own arrangements to gain experience in a primary school for a period of two weeks.

Course Outlines

The course runs for 38 weeks, 21 of which are allocated to school-based activities and experience. The course is built upon a partnership with a large number of schools in the region and therefore a range of different school experiences will be provided.

The course will cover all the following subject areas:

- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- English
- Geography
- History

- Information Technology
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science

You will undertake additional training as a Primary MFL specialist and you will also spend four weeks in Brittany at one of two centres, as part of your diagnostic placement. During this time you must continue to meet QTS requirements.

Application Procedure

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Finance and General Information

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PGCE (Secondary)
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The Secondary course will qualify students to teach children aged between 11 and 16 years of age (with opportunity to gain post-16 experience). Specialization is required in one of the following subject areas: English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages (French/ German/ Spanish), Music, Physical Education, Religious Education and Science (Physics/ Chemistry/ Biology).

Requirements

There are approximately 250 students on the PGCE Secondary course each year. Many students come straight from their degree courses but some also enter from industry and commerce. Applicants should possess or expect to achieve a good honours degree in a subject closely related to the chosen specialism.

You must also possess GCE 'O' level / GCSE (Grades A-C) passes in both English Language and Mathematics or equivalent qualifications at the time of joining the course. If you do not already possess GCE/GCSE Mathematics you may make arrangements with the School of Education to sit a special test in this subject. This would normally be taken after a firm offer of a place on the course has been made.

In the period June to September preceding the course, PGCE students are required to make arrangements for two weeks' 'home area' school experience in a junior or middle school (Key Stage 2). This provides an introduction to the world of education and teaching and provides a background for the study of curriculum and cross-curricular issues which are examined in the course.

Course outlines

While the central focus of secondary school teaching is usually a specialized subject, it is important to consider subject teaching within a complex social, psychological, political and economic context.

The first section of the QTS lecture series takes place in the first term in weekly lectures and subsequently followed up in subject-based seminars and covers various topics like classroom management, learning styles, child protection etc.

The school-based experience commences prior to starting the course with the two weeks 'home Area' school experience. In Term 1 experience is divided between Serial Visits (4 weeks) in the relevant subject department of a partnership school. This then leads to the Diagnostic Teaching Practice (last five weeks of Term 1).

In Terms 2 and 3 you are allocated to a different partnership school where the block of teaching practice is done. The block practice is preceded by four three-day serial visits as a preparation for the main practice.

The Main Practice of eleven weeks is in two parts (over terms 2 and 3) and straddles the Easter vacation.

Application Procedure

Applications are to be made to the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR).

Deadlines

There is no specific closing date for PGCE (Secondary) applications. The University however starts to consider applications from 1st October in the order in which the forms and references are received and early application is recommended.

Finance and General Information

If you are a British or EEA citizen who is eligible for government funded tuition, you may be eligible for a PGCE training salary. Tuition fees are paid to your Higher Education Institution in order to cover the cost of teaching and university resources. If you are a British or EEA citizen, the government may pay tuition fees on your behalf.

MA with QTS status
(GTTR Code for relevant PGCE)

This is a Masters degree linked to the award of qualified teacher status. This course allows newly qualified teachers to acquire an MA at the end of their second or third year of teaching and therefore provides an excellent springboard for a successful career.

Requirements

Students will need to have a good honours degree (generally a 2:1 or equivalent) in any relevant subject. It is not essential to have a degree in a National Curriculum subject but rather the variety of subjects covered at GCSE and A levels will be looked at since primary teachers are required to be able to teach all the subjects at primary school level. You must also possess GSCE (Grades A-C) passes English Language and Mathematics (and Science if applying for Primary PGCE) at the time of joining the course.

Anyone who is eligible for the PGCE can also apply for the MA. You can apply for *either* the PGCE Primary *or* the PGCE Secondary course.

Course Outline

This is a four-year course with the PGCE qualification being obtained in the first year. At this stage students can, if they wish leave the course with QTS status.

In the second year students will work as newly qualified teachers but will continue with their studies on a part-time basis. There will

be a combination of weekend schools in Durham and distance learning.

Years three and four will be spent in completing the course. The course can be completed in three years if an extra module is completed in the second year.

Application Procedure

Applications are through the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) as for a PGCE. Towards the end of the first year, subject to meeting certain requirements, students can continue onto the MA programme or exit with a PGCE award.

Deadlines

The closing date for Primary applications to the GTTR is 1st December 2009. There is no specific closing date for PGCE (Secondary) applications. The University however starts to consider applications from 1st October in the order in which the forms and references are received and early application is recommended.

Finance and General Information

Home or EU students are exempt from all fees in the first year. Students may be eligible for a bursary depending on the subject for which they are being trained. After obtaining Qualified Teacher Status students normally qualify for a reduced fee for years 2, 3 and 4, through TDA funding. Your school may wish to offer support with the fees as part of professional development.