

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
University Code N21

Newcastle University offers several routes into teaching at postgraduate level. The courses are managed by the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences (ECLS).

Courses on offer

- **PGCE- Primary**
 - Primary - **GTTR Code X100**
 - Primary with specialisation in French
GTTR Code XR11

- **PGCE- Secondary**
 - Biology - **GTTR Code FC1X1**
 - Chemistry - **GTTR Code F1X1**
 - English Including drama) - **GTTR Code QX31**
 - French - **GTTR Code R1X1**
 - French with German - **GTTR Code RX11**
 - French with Spanish - **GTTR Code RXD1**
 - Geography - **GTTR Code F8X1**
 - German with French - **GTTR Code RX21**
 - History - **GTTR Code V1X1**
 - Mathematics - **GTTR Code G1X1**
 - Physics - **GTTR Code F3X1**
 - Religious Education (RE) – **GTTR Code V6X1**
 - Spanish with French - **GTTR Code RX41**

PGCE (Primary)
GTTR Code X100 – General, XR11- French

The PGCE covers the 5 to 11 age range with an emphasis on either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 classrooms. There are also a number of places for primary French specialists. The Primary PGCE allow you to gain 60 credits at Master's level within the MEd Practitioner Enquiry programme

Requirements

Candidates are expected to have at least a second-class Honours degree. Also required are GCSE or O level passes (Grades A–C) in English language, mathematics and a science subject.

Applicants should also have some experience of working/ assisting/ volunteering in a primary school.

Any offer or acceptance of a place on the course is conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory medical report and an Enhanced Criminal Record clearance.

The INTO Newcastle University Centre can provide extra tuition to help meet the English language requirements

Course outlines

The programme consists of school experience, primary professional studies and curriculum studies. Almost half the time (18 weeks) will be spent in schools. There will be a focus on preparing students to deliver the National Curriculum in schools.

The course will cover all the following areas:

Art

Design and Technology

English
Geography
History
Information and communication technology
Mathematics
Music
Physical Education
Religious Education
Science

Students must demonstrate compliance with all Qualified Teacher Status standards including passing the Training and Development Agency for Schools' (TDA) tests in numeracy, literacy and ICT.

Application Procedure

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

Short-listed applicants will be invited to a selection day. On the day each applicant will be required to:

- have an individual interviews.
- do a presentation.
- do a written task
- complete a Mathematics test

Successful applicants will be required to have a medical and an Enhanced Criminal Records check prior to entry onto the programme.

Deadlines

The closing date for primary PGCE applications for the year 2010-2011 is 1st December 2009.

Finance and General Information

Students in England may be eligible for a maintenance grant of up to £2,835, of which £1,230 is non-means-tested for the year 2009-2010. A tax free training bursary is also available. From August 2008 this will be £4,000 for Primary PGCE students. Further details with regard to fees and funding can be found at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ecls/postgrad/funding/pgce.htm>

PGCE- Secondary **(Course Codes on Page 1)**

The course enables you to make critical sense of educational research, current practice and government policy, and achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). It also allows you to gain 60 credits at Master's level within the M.Ed Practitioner Enquiry programme.

Requirements

The procedure is the same for all subjects.

Except in exceptional circumstances applicants must hold a 2.2 degree or higher.

Applicants should also have the equivalent of a GCSE grade C or above in Mathematics and English language

Applicants are also expected to have some experience of the English school system - usually through recent school observation visits, or voluntary or paid work in schools.

Any offer or acceptance of a place on the course is conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory medical report and an Enhanced Criminal Record clearance.

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Course Outlines

This is a full-time course over a period of 10 months. The course has been planned in partnership between students, the university and school colleagues.

More than two thirds of your training will take place in local schools, giving ample opportunity for hands-on experience, but it is also informed by recent research findings, Newcastle University has an international reputation for the quality of its research in education.

The details of the course chosen depends on the subject taught and these can be found on our website:

http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ecls/postgrad/secondary_pgce/

Application Procedure

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

Individuals whose applications meet the initial criteria will be invited to the Selection Day. This will consist of

- a presentation
- a group task
- a written task
- an individual interview

The selection panel will be made up of university tutors and school teachers from the ITT partnership.

Deadlines

Applications are processed through a central clearing house and should be submitted from September in the year prior to entry. There is no other closing date for secondary PGCE courses though early application is advised as some courses become full early in the academic year. You will be interviewed in Newcastle before the offer of a place can be made. A £15 application fee is required.

Finance and General Information

Students in England may be eligible for a maintenance grant of up to £2,835, of which £1,230 is non-means-tested for the year 2008-2009. A tax free training bursary is also available. From August 2008 this will be £6,000 for Geography, History and English trainees and £9,000 for Modern Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Religious Education and Science trainees. Further details with regard to fees and funding can be found at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ecls/postgrad/funding/pgce.htm>