



Salop Teaching Partnership

PGCE Lead School Partner Route

**High Quality Training**

for

**Local Teachers**

In Partnership with



University of  
Chester



## GET INTO TEACHING:

### PGCE Lead School Partner Route into Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

Our Lead School Partner Route post graduate programme offers an exciting opportunity to train alongside outstanding practitioners, gaining valuable knowledge, skills and professional attitudes that will enable you to start your journey towards becoming an excellent teacher and future leader.

You will spend the majority of your time training in the classroom, helping to build your confidence in a school environment, whilst receiving expert mentoring and support. You will be placed in good quality schools with experience of initial teacher education.

Successful completion of the course will lead to qualified teacher status (QTS) and you will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) validated by our partner Higher Education Institute and accredited provider, University of Chester.



*2021-22 cohort embarking upon their training*

## Salop Teaching Partnership

We are proud to have been delivering high quality Initial Teacher Education with The Priory as our Lead Partner since 2013 .

We are a Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin based partnership working with schools, academies, independent schools and further education establishments across the county. Our unique mix of partner schools ensures that trainees experience teaching in a variety of contexts and key stages, thus making them more appealing to future employers.

### **Should you chose to train with us, you will benefit from the following:**

- 10 Days of Professional Training delivered by leading practitioners across the partnership
- Strong network of support from School and University Mentors
- Academic rigour from a leading university
- Strong leadership and management
- Training alongside outstanding practitioners building on the latest educational research and national developments
- Gain 60 Masters level credits
- An internationally recognised qualification
- Access to a range of Subject Development CPD sessions via leading sector experts

## Eligibility Criteria

### You must have achieved:

- Degree 2.1 or above (2:2 may be accepted for some shortage subjects)
- GCSE (or equivalent) Grade C/4 or above in Maths and English

### Degree

If your degree subject does not link closely to the subject you intend to teach, you may be eligible to access a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course.

### Subject Knowledge

Your level of subject knowledge will be assessed through your application and at interview. We will decide if it is necessary for you to complete a SKE and it will be a condition on your offer. SKE's are only available in shortage subjects

A-Levels in the subject you wish to teach are desirable, especially if your Degree does not relate to that subject



*"I have been warmly welcomed by all the schools and the teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure that I receive the best possible training that I can."*

## What we are looking for candidates who:

- Have empathy and understanding of the demands of teaching in the secondary classroom
- Enjoy working with young people and see teaching as a wider professional duty
- Have confidence in presenting in front of teenagers
- High quality graduates who may bring transferable skills and experience from previous careers
- Are willing and able to commit the time to the training programme, which will include academic assignments and study
- We also want candidates who are keen to be involved in the wider pastoral and extra-curricular life of our schools and who can give the time to this during their training year

## How trainees are selected

- Applications must be submitted via the DfE Apply portal
- Applications will be reviewed against a set of selection criteria looking at experience and qualifications
- If your application does not meet the criteria and you have been unsuccessful in securing an Interview, you will be notified via the DfE portal
- Successful candidates will be invited for an Interview with a small panel including a subject specialist
- The interview will include a subject knowledge presentation and formal interview. Details of the presentation will be sent to you in advance of the interview

## The Programme

Trainees will complete a total of 180 days of training between September and July. A minimum of 120 days will be in the classroom, observing and building up to whole class teaching as soon as possible. The structure of our programme allows trainees to be quickly immersed in the practicalities of teaching; resulting in a more confident and competent teacher.

Over the duration of the programme you will experience:

- Two contrasting school placements
- Sixth Form Experience
- Primary School Experience
- 10 days centre based Professional Training delivered by expert practitioners
- Regular Academic Learning and support from University of Chester
- Complete two PGCE assignments
- Access to Subject Development resources

### What support can I expect?

In both placements you will be supported by:

- A subject specialist mentor
- A school professional tutor, who will oversee all trainee teachers hosted by your placement school
- A university based subject tutor
- The Salop Teaching Partnership team

*“As a trainee teacher on Salop’s training programme, I can confidently say that I have received exceptional training from outstanding teachers.”*

### Where will I carry out my school placements?

You will be placed at any one of our partner schools within the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin area.

We will take into consideration your circumstances, however, you will need to take into consideration travel time and distances that may be involved. We endeavor to ensure that travel times are reasonable.



## Funding your training

Our PGCE Lead School Partner Route ITE programme is fee funded. All tuition fees must be paid by the Trainee.

There is a package of Government bursaries and scholarships available for shortage subjects which you may be entitled to.

Please visit the DfE website for the up to date information on fees and what financial support is available:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support>

You may also be entitled to support from Student Finance, such as tuition fee and maintenance loans.

## Safer Recruitment

We are committed to safer recruitment and as such will carry out the following checks as part of our recruitment process:-

- Provide a full history of employment/ education including an explanation of any gaps.
- Verification of identity, including any change of name.
- Minimum of 2 references (1 academic, and 1 professional). We may ask for further references.
- Online checks of publicly available information
- DBS Certificate via University of Chester

# How Do I Apply?

## Submission of application

All applications for teacher training are managed by a single application process with the Department for Education <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>

Our Provider Code is **1Q6** (Salop Teaching Partnership)

You will be able to track the progress of your applications through the Apply portal.

## Interviews

Interviews for the coming academic year will be held between October and July. We will contact you and invite you for interview and will give you at least 1 week's notice.

## Decisions following interview

Following selection and interview, offers will be made to applicants within 40 days of their application being received. Conditional offers will be subject to degree results and proof of qualifications, Enhanced DBS check and successful completion of a SKE, if required.

For further information on the application process, please visit our website:-

[www.salopteachingpartnership.co.uk](http://www.salopteachingpartnership.co.uk)

[stp@pri.318education.co.uk](mailto:stp@pri.318education.co.uk)



## Useful Websites

### Search for Available Post Graduate Courses (Search by provider ID: 1Q6)

[www.gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses](http://www.gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses)

### Get Into Teaching

[www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

### Apply through the DfE Website

[www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training)

### Department for Education

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)

### TES

[www.tes.com](http://www.tes.com)

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