

Registry: Initial Teacher Training (ITT)

Frequently Asked Questions: PGCE Entry Requirements



What factors do you consider when assessing my application?

We take into account your academic qualifications, your personal statement, and your references in order to make an initial assessment of your suitability to join a course of Initial Teacher Training. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

What are the statutory requirements for entry to the PGCE?

In order to qualify for entry to the PGCE, you must demonstrate that you possess the following qualifications to the required standard:

- GCSE English and Maths at Grade C or above (or an acceptable equivalent). If you are applying for the Primary PGCE, you will also need GCSE Science at Grade C or above (or an acceptable equivalent).
- An undergraduate degree, ordinarily related to the subject in which you wish to teach, usually at 2:2 or higher.

If your qualifications are from outside the UK, you will need to provide a transcript (and official translation, if appropriate) to the Institute Of Education when you apply for your course.

If your application is successful, you will also be asked to apply for clearance from the Criminal Records Bureau, complete a Health Assessment Questionnaire, and to provisionally register with the General Teaching Council for England (GTCE).

Are there any other entry requirements?

You should always check individual course entry requirements online or in our Prospectus before making your application, but in general:

- You will need to have undertaken a recent period of observation or teaching in school. Applicants for the Primary PGCE course will need a minimum of 10 days relevant experience in an urban mainstream state primary school in the UK. Our other PGCE courses may require up to 5 days in school. Please refer to our Prospectus for further details.
- Primary PGCE applicants will additionally need to demonstrate that they have good Level 3 qualifications (A Levels at Grade C or above, or acceptable equivalent qualifications);

I do not have GCSE English, Maths or Science at grade C – can I still apply?

Yes, but you will need to indicate on your application form that you will be sitting exams in these areas before the start of your course. If you are made an offer, it will be conditional on obtaining qualifications of the required standard. We are happy to accept equivalency test exam results from www.equivalencytesting.com

What are the English Language Requirements?

[English Language Requirements for PGCE courses](#)