

Registry: Initial Teacher Training (ITT)

Frequently Asked Questions: Invited to an Interview?

The following guidance may be useful to prospective students who have been invited for an Interview for a **PGCE course at the Institute of Education for 2009 entry**.

Where do I need to go and how can I get there?

Interviews take place at the **Institute of Education**, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL ([IOE Location Map and Travel Guide](#)). Your interview letter or email will give you the location and the time of your interview. Please ensure that you arrive in good time.

What preparation could I undertake?

Many of the interviews will have subject related pre-interview tasks, which will have been outlined in your interview letter or email, but in addition to completing these you should also take the time to familiarise yourself with current issues in the education sector, particularly with regard to relevant legislation and the national curriculum. You may find it useful to take a look at the [National Curriculum](#) and the [Department for Education and Skills](#) websites. You may find it useful to reflect on your [work experience](#) - consider what you learned from your observation and what you found interesting or challenging.

What will happen at the interview?

The interview is usually conducted by a panel of two or more staff (this may include representatives from the Institute of Education's teaching staff and Professional Coordinating Mentors from our partnership schools). The interview should last approximately twenty minutes. During the interview we will be looking for evidence of your ability to work well within a team; your enthusiasm for teaching; a sense of how you would operate in a classroom; and some relevant practice. Some interviews may have a presentation or test component – this will be explained in your invitation to interview.

How long before I hear the result?

Once you have had your interview, you should expect to be notified of our decision through the GTTR within two weeks, and formally in writing from us shortly after. If you have not heard from the Institute after two weeks, please contact us at [Recruitment and Admissions](#)

What are the possible outcomes?

There are three possible outcomes to your Interview. You may receive an unconditional offer, a conditional offer, or a notification that you were unsuccessful. All offers are subject to [statutory entry requirements](#)

What happens if I'm not successful in the interview?

If you are unsuccessful, we will notify the GTTR so that they can forward your application to your next choice of institution. You are welcome to reapply to the Institute of Education in the following academic year, but you will need to reapply through the [GTTR website](#) as before.