

## Information for International Students

(This information is for all nationals from outside the UK or EU)

**Our Bachelor of Education course welcomes International Students and recognises the contribution that they make to the learning environment.**

### IMMIGRATION

It is essential that you ensure that you have the correct status in the UK before you start your studies.

It is important to note that this B.Ed. course does NOT meet the UK immigration rules for a 'student' visa. If you require UK entry clearance (a 'visa' or 'entry certificate') you must be in the UK or applying to come to the UK in a capacity other than 'student' (for example as a work permit holder).

If your current leave to enter or remain is due to expire part-way through the course you will NOT be able to extend your visa as a 'student' through the Home Office.

For further information please see our student support pages at [www.ioe.ac.uk/internationalstudentsupport](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/internationalstudentsupport)

### TUITION FEES

The level of fee you will have to pay (e.g. Home/EU or International) will be assessed on the basis of a questionnaire from the Institute of Education. The fee level you will be charged will be stated on your offer letter and cannot be changed part way through the course. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the student support centre.

Bursaries may be available for International Students to help with fees costs. We will assess your application form to see if you are eligible for this support.

### OBTAINING QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS (QTS)

If you have trained and qualified as a teacher in a country (or in a non-mainstream system such as Montessori) where the training courses do not satisfy the UK's teacher-training requirements, you may be aiming to get Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in the UK. Though the B.Ed is a degree level course and fulfils one of the main conditions for QTS in the UK it does not automatically award QTS as there is no teaching practice element. A subject specific degree will still be required to obtain a QTS at secondary level.

### EMPLOYMENT BASED ROUTES

There are a number of employment-based routes to obtaining QTS. Once you have obtained the B.Ed, you may be eligible for a Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) or an Overseas Trained Teacher Programme (OTTP). If you qualified outside the European Economic Area (EEA), you will need the following entry requirements for either the OTTP, GTP or RTP.

- a UK bachelors degree (or equivalent qualification);
- a qualification equivalent to GCSE grade C or above in mathematics and English; and
- if you intend to teach primary or Key Stage 2/3 (ages 7-14), a qualification equivalent to GCSE grade C or above in science.

### Overseas Trained Teacher Programme (OTTP)

To be eligible for an OTTP you must be qualified as a teacher overseas and working as an unqualified teacher or Teaching Assistant at a school in England. The programme is tailored to the individual so the length can vary, but is usually up to one year.

### Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP)

You can complete the GTP in any English maintained school, as long as they are prepared to employ you as an unqualified teacher for the duration of the programme. Schools in 'special measures' do not employ GTP trainees. Training takes from three months to one school year, depending on your previous teaching experience.

### Registered Teacher Programme (RTP)

You can complete the RTP in any English maintained school, as long as they are prepared to employ you as an unqualified teacher for the duration of the programme. You only need to have completed the equivalent of two years (240 CATS points) of higher education before commencing the RTP. As a part-time student on the B.Ed, you may be able to start the programme whilst you are in your final year of the course. The programme takes between one and two years, depending on your teaching experience.

For further information on any of the programmes described above, including how to apply, visit the Training and Development Agency for Schools website at [www.tda.gov.uk](http://www.tda.gov.uk)

### NON EMPLOYMENT BASED ROUTE

#### Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

The PGCE is the standard route into teaching for UK graduates. It may also be appropriate for overseas trained teachers who are not in a teaching job. You can find out about courses at the Institute and at other training providers through the Graduate Teacher Training Registry [www.gtr.ac.uk](http://www.gtr.ac.uk).

Applications need to be submitted in good time – usually in the autumn of the year preceding the one in which you wish to commence the course.

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