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FAQs: PGCE/Diploma Post-Compulsory (part-time, in-service) course

Applicants to the Institute's PGCE/Diploma Post-Compulsory (part-time, in-service) programme will find these Frequently Asked Questions helpful when preparing and submitting an application.

Is there a deadline for Post-Compulsory (part-time, in-service) applications?

There is currently no deadline, but we do receive a large number of applications and advise all applicants to apply as early as possible.

Do you accept online applications?

Yes, you should apply online via UKPASS at www.ukpass.ac.uk

Can I apply to more than one institution/more than one PGCE/Diploma (PC) course?

Yes, however you must notify us as soon as you have accepted a place on a course and wish to withdraw your application to the Institute.

Can I apply through the GTTR?

No, all applications for the PGCE/Diploma Post Compulsory course are made directly to the Institute of Education

What subject(s) can I apply to teach?

Applicants can be accepted for a wide range of subjects that are taught in the lifelong learning sector. Applicants are expected to have a level 3 qualification in their chosen subject area.

What are the entry requirements for the course?

Applicants must currently be teaching a minimum of 3 hours per week (amounting to a minimum 150 hours over two years) in an appropriate learning provider within the Post Compulsory sector. You will need to have the support of your employers, who will provide you with a subject specialist mentor.

How many days do I have to attend?

During the first year of the programme, you will attend at one of our partner colleges or at the IOE for half a day per week. Applicants for year 1 who are working at one of our partner colleges (Barnet, City & Islington, City of Westminster and Hackney Community College) will be expected to attend at this college. During the second year you will attend at the Institute on a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening.

What happens to my application once received, and when can I expect to hear an outcome?

Once received, your application will be recorded by our Recruitment and Admissions section. You will then be sent an email confirming it has been received. Your application and reference(s) will be forwarded on to the PGCE/Diploma (PC) Pathway Leader for shortlisting. If shortlisted, you will

be invited, in writing, to an interview. You can expect to hear the outcome of the interview within two weeks.

Can I teach in Secondary schools if I have a PGCE (PC) course?

The PGCE (PC) does not qualify you to teach in Secondary schools as it does not confer QTS. You will be able to work towards QTLS (the required status for the Post Compulsory sector) through completing the PGCE (PC) course