

FAQs: PGCE Post-Compulsory (full-time, pre-service) course

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

Is there a deadline for Post-Compulsory (full-time, pre-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 can apply online via UKPASS at www.ukpass.ac.uk

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

Yes, however you must notify us as soon as you have accepted a place on a course.

Can I apply through the GTTR?

No, all applications for the PGCE (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 Post Compulsory sector however it will be largely dependent on the availability of placements and the ability to provide subject specific support whilst on the course. Applicants are also required to have a graduate qualification in their chosen subject area. Enquirers wishing to find out if their particular subject area could be considered are advised to contact the Course Administrator

Can I find my own placement/choose my placement?

No, the course has partnership agreements with a number of colleges in and around the London area who provide placements each year for the PGCE (PC).

All teaching practice placements are arranged by the Course Administrator to ensure that placements meet the required standards and to ensure that you are provided with sufficient hours and support throughout the course.

How many days do I have to attend?

The PGCE (PC) is a full time course: you will spend 1-2 days of the week at the Institute and 2-3 days a week in your teaching practice placement throughout the year. IOE days start at 10.00am and end no later than 5.00pm. The times you will be required in your placement will depend on your teaching timetable. Trainees usually have one day each week to work on assignments and prepare teaching.

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 (PC) Course 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

Do I have to have teaching experience to come on the course?

No, this is a pre-service course, so you are not expected to have teaching experience. However you will be expected to demonstrate an awareness of the sector at interview. Applicants without any teaching experience are advised to try to complete some observations in a college in order to get an understanding and awareness of the sector.