

Childcare and Teacher Training

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Post-Compulsory Education) Level 6 Part-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course starts in September 2025 and is studied over two years as a part-time programme

Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in a relevant subject or substantial professional experience
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4/C or above or an equivalent qualification at Level 2 or above*
- Good information and communications (ICT) skills
- You will need to undertake an interview with the Course Leader
- You will be required to complete a satisfactory enhanced DBS check
- You must be deemed fit to teach
- You must secure an appropriate placement at a provider of post-compulsory education and/or training where you will undertake a minimum of 75 hours teaching hours in each academic year (totalling a minimum of 150 hours over the two year study programme).*

*subject to change pending updates from the DfE

You will achieve

You will gain a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (ProfGCE) in Post Compulsory Education. This qualification is validated by Leeds Trinity University.

Course Overview

The Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Post-Compulsory Education), validated by Leeds Trinity University, equips you with the skills, knowledge, and professional values needed to be an effective teacher. With placements in various educational settings, including colleges and adult learning, you'll gain real-world experience. The programme requires 120 credits and includes eight teaching observations to prepare you for a fulfilling career in education.

Modules

Year 1

- Planning and Assessing Learning in the Post Compulsory Education Context
- The Role of Theory and the Use of Evidence Informed Practice
- Reflective Teaching Practice 1

Year 2

- Exploring Contemporary Issues in Post Compulsory Education
- Reflective Teaching Practice 2

Note: As a part-time trainee, you will commit to a Monday-to-Friday schedule of academic and professional study, including two full days of on-campus learning, two days of professional practice placement (secured by yourself), and one day of independent study and research

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

Your assessment will be a combination of assignments, practical teaching experience, observation records and reflective practice. You will need to demonstrate that you have developed the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to be a successful teacher.

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will need to provide a pen, paper, notepad or electronic device suitable for completing assessment work (e.g. laptop).

Where will I study?

SciTech Digital Innovation Centre
Falcon Street
Barnsley
S70 2EY

What can I do next?

Upon completion of the programme you can:

- Secure employment as a qualified teacher in post-compulsory education

- Apply for QTLS with the Education and Training Foundation
- Consider starting a Master's Degree in an education-related subject

How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £3,450* per year for those that enrol in September 2025 (*subject to approval from the Office for Students).

Extra information

Join Honeywell Sports Village

We have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates.

Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) Higher Education

We offer a service to any student who has a diagnosis of anything persistent or long-term which might interfere with how they study and manage their day-to-day academic engagement. The service is flexible and shaped around the needs of each individual; it might be consistent support or intermittent support.

For further information please visit the Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education/dds-at-higher-education/>] web page for more information.

HE Student Finance

As a Higher Education student living in England you may be eligible for the non-means tested Tuition Fee Loan from the Government and a Maintenance Loan.

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for a Childcare Grant or Adult Dependents' Grant. Students can apply for these at the same time as applying for a Maintenance Loan.

Remember: Eligible students will not have to pay tuition fees in advance and can apply for the Maintenance Loan before they start the course.

Visit the Student Finance page on the Government website [<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance>] for further details and to apply.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards achieving a higher grade in English and Maths, we can help you do that too and we offer Level 3 Mathematical Studies

(Core Maths) which can be added to your study programme.

If you're aged 19 or above and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths we can help. We offer FREE English and Maths qualifications that can be studied on a part-time basis, subject to eligibility.

If you need any further information, please contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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