

# Teacher Training - Professional Graduate Certificate in Education 14+ [PGCE 14+] full-time

## Why choose this course?

The University of Bolton is one of the largest providers of teacher education for further and higher education in the UK. We have a diverse team of teacher educators who are highly qualified subject specialists, with a wealth of experience of teaching both in the post-compulsory sector and teacher education. We are involved in a number of national and international research and teacher education projects.

- This course is the first step towards QTLS (Qualified Teacher for Learning and Skills). From April 2012 this has equivalence with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) which is required for teaching in the secondary sector.
- "Outstanding leadership and management of the provision" (Ofsted 2012)
- "Trainee teaching demonstrates a range of strong features" (Ofsted 2012)
- "Excellent system for monitoring the quality of trainees' teaching" (Ofsted 2012)
- Most of the teaching is delivered through lectures and small group work. Class sizes are quite small, averaging approximately 20 students, ensuring a warm and friendly environment for your studies. There are excellent ICT and library facilities on campus together with plenty of accommodation in halls of residence if needed.

## Course overview

The University of Bolton Professional Graduate Certificate in Education 14+ is a teacher education course for graduates who wish to teach in the FE and Skills sector of education; for example, in adult and community education, further education, sixth form colleges, the prison and probation services, pre-employment training and work-based learning.

Your choice of study will depend on the subject and area in which you wish to teach.

For teaching in a vocational and/or academic curriculum area you will choose the Generic pathway.

For teaching ESOL/literacy or numeracy you will choose the Skills for Life pathway.

For teaching learners with additional needs you will choose the Teaching Learners with Additional Needs pathway.

You should select your specialist area at the time of your application.

The PGCE 14+ programmes meet the requirement of the FE-specific Diploma in Education and Training (DET).

You may study the Generic pathway at either the University of Bolton or at a partner college. If you wish to study at a partner college, you will need to contact the college directly for timetable information. Full contact details of our partner colleges are available by visiting our 'related links' section and selecting our 'partner colleges' web page.

Please note: the Skills for Life pathways are only available for study at the University of Bolton; Bury College offers (ESOL/Literacy specialism route). The Teaching Learners with Additional Needs pathway is only available at the University of Bolton.

As part of your studies you will be required to carry out a teaching placement equivalent to two days a week. This may involve daytime or evening teaching or both. The university or partner college at which you are studying may find your placement for you or it may be possible for you to organise your own placement. If you organise your own placement this must be agreed in advance with your tutor who will need to confirm that the placement is suitable.

## Special features

- The University of Bolton is at the centre of an extensive and well-established partnership of providers of post-14 education and training.

## Key Information

**Award(s)** Professional Graduate Certificate in Education 14+ [PGCE 14+]

**Code** 1000-D

**Mode of attendance** Full-time

**Duration(s)** 1 year

**Start date(s)**

For the Generic pathway, the minimum entry requirement is an honours degree (or equivalent) in a subject that is relevant to the area in which you wish to teach. If the degree is not from a recognised UK higher education institution

**Entry requirements** advice will be taken from the International Office on comparability. You will also require DBS Enhanced Disclosure clearance and a health declaration prior to enrolment on the course. If English is not your first language you will need a recognised English language qualification at the appropriate level for this course, normally IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

[For more information about the DBS Enhanced Disclosure please visit www.bolton.ac.uk/dbs](http://www.bolton.ac.uk/dbs)

**Awarding body** University of Bolton

This pathway is taught at the University of Bolton's main campus. This course is also available at other study locations - please visit our Off Campus website for details ([www.bolton.ac.uk/OffCampus](http://www.bolton.ac.uk/OffCampus)).

**Location(s)** University of Bolton:  
Deane Campus, Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5AB

## Programme Specification

<http://programmes.bolton.ac.uk/EDU045-F-UOB-EX>

## What you will learn

The course will equip you to be an effective teacher in the classroom, as well as providing you with the skills and knowledge to work in the FE and Skills sector of education.

Teaching placements are arranged for you in situations which meet the requirements for becoming a qualified teacher in the FE and Skills sector.

## What you will study

The syllabus you follow will depend on the pathway and specialism you choose. If you wish to teach a curriculum or vocational subject in which you are already qualified, for instance art and design, business and legal studies, health and childhood studies, humanities, language and communications, maths and science or technology, you should apply for the Generic pathway.

Alternatively, if you are looking to teach in the Skills for Life sector you have a choice of English (Literacy/ESOL) or Mathematics (Numeracy).

If you specifically wish to teach learners with additional needs you should apply for the Teaching Learners with Additional Needs (TLAN) pathway.

## Careers & professional development

These courses prepare you for a teaching career in the FE and Skills sector.

## Professional recognition

The PGCE 14+ programmes meet the requirement of the FE-specific Diploma in Education and Training (DET). All new FE teachers must complete a teacher training qualification as the first step in obtaining QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills).

The course does not lead to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) to teach in schools.

## Fees, funding and finance information

### Home/EU Fees

|            | Year of study | Total   |
|------------|---------------|---------|
| Entry Year | 2017/18       | 2018/19 |
| 2017/18    | £9,000        | £9,000  |
| 2018/19    |               |         |

[More Home/EU Fee information](#)

### International Fees

Year of study

| Entry Year | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | Total   |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
|            | £11,250 |         | £11,250 |
| 2018/19    |         |         |         |

[More International Fee information](#)

### No hidden extras

We will not charge you any additional fees or ask you to pay any additional costs that are mandatory for the completion of your course\*. We will cover the cost of the following:

- Technical or laboratory materials required to complete your course e.g. for Art and Design or Creative Technologies courses
- All mandatory site visits or field trips
- Any required safety equipment e.g. lab coats, goggles
- Any specific uniform or clothing required by the course
- Printing/copying for academic studies – an allowance of £20 per year (equivalent to 500 black and white copies)

\*Terms and conditions apply, please see <http://www.bolton.ac.uk/fees> for further information

### Additional learning opportunities and associated costs

In addition to the course fees above, there are some further costs which you may incur as a student on this course. These costs are optional and are not mandatory to your studies.

A DBS Enhanced Disclosure is required at additional cost (see entry requirements).

## Contact Us

#### For an informal discussion and further details about the course please contact:

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#### For general information about the University of Bolton and how to apply please contact:

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