

PGCE Primary with QTS



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Subject Area	Education & Teaching
Course Type	Higher Education
Study Level	Level 7
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PFPGM001

Course Summary

This is the perfect opportunity for you to work towards a rewarding and challenging career at the McMillan School of Education, an established centre for teacher education set in a stimulating, diverse environment.

The degree fulfils the minimum entitlement of the ITT: Core Content Framework for teacher training alongside an ambitious and innovative curriculum. Opportunities to develop clear links between theory and practice are evident through school-based training, intensive training and practice weeks and a series of visiting speakers to enhance your understanding of all aspects of primary school life and learning.

At the heart of the course is school experience, and we provide an extensive programme of school placements throughout, giving you the opportunity, to practise your teaching skills. We have strong partnership links with local schools and nurseries throughout West Yorkshire and beyond.

Your future career will be built on a solid foundation of the highest academic standards of teaching and learning, as our teaching staff are experts in their chosen field and

outstanding practitioners.

What You Will Learn

Teaching and learning methods include lectures, workshops, group discussions, seminars and tutorials within our bespoke classroom settings.

The PGCE Primary programme prepares you to specialise in teaching pupils within their first few years of schooling as well as a fundamental understanding of the primary curriculum. In this role, you will have school experiences in Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. You will become experienced in delivering the Early Years Framework and Key Stage 1 Curricula, teaching the essential knowledge to enable children to become confident, independent thinkers and the skills needed to prepare them for the rest of their school years and beyond.

School experience

School experience is a vital part of your teacher training programme. A key strength of the course is how theory and practice are related by working with children in placement schools – with support provided by experienced mentors.

School placements are compliant with DfE criteria and will be arranged for you within the Early Years and Primary age range. Every effort is made to ensure that the most appropriate placements are chosen for each trainee to enhance their professional development. We have strong links with local schools, whose staff make a significant contribution to your training. Placement schools are situated in Bradford and the neighbouring areas to give a wide range of experience and to meet the needs of students from across the region.

Entry Requirements

An honours degree (usually 2:2 or above).

GCSE Grade 4/C or accepted equivalency test in English Language or English Literature, Mathematics and Science. If you do not already have the appropriate GCSEs, or if you are unable to provide proof of your grades, please refer to the GCSE Equivalency information below.

Suitable personal and intellectual qualities required for teaching in school.

Applicants also need to demonstrate the commitment, attitudes and values appropriate

to those of a primary teacher and the potential to train as a teacher. Strong applicants often have experience in primary schools, but this is not a requirement.

The ability to read effectively and communicate clearly and accurately in spoken and written standard English.

The capacity to meet the Secretary of State's requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach. All successful candidates will be asked to complete a health assessment as part of the entry conditions to the programme.

GCSE Equivalency

If you do not already have the appropriate GCSEs, or if you are unable to provide proof of your grades, we can accept GCSE equivalency tests taken with [A Star Equivalency, equivalencytesting.com](https://www.a-star-equivalency.com)

Further details are emailed to applicants who accept offers with us.

Suitable applicants will be invited for an interview.

An offer of a place is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure Certificate and a satisfactory medical. If you are offered and accept a place you will be sent the information regarding both of these checks.

This course is not available to students on a Student Route Visa.

Progression

Career and progression opportunities in the Primary sector are plentiful and rewarding. Completion of the PGCE Primary with QTS will give you the relevant training and expertise as you continue to build the skills and knowledge you need to feel confident and empowered in your classroom as an Early Career Teacher (ECT).

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