

# About the course

When completing your training with Connect Teaching Partnership, you will have access to:

- excellent practice in teaching and learning
- access to a diverse range of school settings
- excellent support from trained and experienced mentors

The majority of your training will take place within the Connect Schools Academy Trust schools. The training will be personalised to the individual's professional needs but will include training in the following areas: teaching and learning, curriculum, assessment, working with parents and the community. All training is closely aligned to support the trainee achieve the Teachers' Standards. The Primary School Direct programme runs for one year. You will be assessed on your practical teaching and your progress in achieving the standards for Qualified Teacher Status by gathering evidence in the form of a portfolio. Successful completion will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Trainees will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced and outstanding teachers. Support and mentorship will be given by senior leaders within the Trust.

Although candidates will have a base school, there will be lots of opportunities for cross-school training and will include teaching experience within another school in the Trust.

By studying with Connect Teaching Partnership through this route, you will become a confident, competent and effective teacher with the skills and knowledge to teach within the primary phase.

## Interview process

The Connect Teaching Partnership and the University of Greenwich work together to interview applicants. In order for your application to be considered you should complete a full application and consider your personal statement as being an important part of this process. If

you are shortlisted, you will be asked to complete written tasks and a formal interview.

All application forms will be vetted for the following:

- applicant meets the academic entry criteria
- applicant has written a strong personal statement
- applicant has been given a strong reference. This should be an academic

reference if the applicant has been in education within the last five years.

## **How school placements work**

All placements will be in Good and Outstanding schools within the Connect Teaching Partnership. You will gain experience in Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two (leading to a 5-11 qualification). In each school, you will be allocated an experienced mentor who will support you on a day-to-day basis, together with a senior mentor, who will be a member of the partnership's senior leadership. This will ensure support and consistency across your training year. There are quality assurance procedures in place to ensure the experiences you receive will be of the highest standard.

You will have two main placements during your training, as well as time spent in other schools across the partnership to ensure a broad experience.

A key part of our programme is that you will spend the majority of your training year in schools, gaining valuable hands-on experience. Bespoke, theory-based learning is also incorporated into the candidate's weekly timetable to ensure pedagogical knowledge is embedded.

The school experience will include induction, observation of outstanding practice, peer and collaborative teaching, experience in appropriate key stages and subject expertise. This will be combined with: training in the national priorities; assessment and reporting opportunities; PPA (non-contact) time; knowledge of the wider life of

the school; preparation for the NQT year and training in the professional and personal requirements of a teacher.

## Fees

The course fees for 2019/2020 are as follows:

Student type	Fees to pay
UK students	£9,000
EU students	£9,000

The course fee is organised through Student Finance, which means that the fees are payable once the candidate has qualified and is in employment.

## Financial support

You may be eligible for [financial support while you study, including bursaries, scholarships and loans](#).

[Financial support if you're from outside of the UK](#).

## Requirements

### Qualifications

Our entry requirements for the course are set out below:

- Degree- candidates must have a good honours degree (2:2 or above)
- GCSE or equivalent in English, Maths and Science- grade C or above. You must have received the results from these qualifications before applying and any equivalent qualifications should be certified by NARIC.

- Skills Tests- you must have passed both the Literacy and Numeracy Professional Skills Tests before the training programme begins.

## **Personal qualities**

We are looking for someone who:

- has good organisational skills
- has excellent time keeping
- is approachable, empathetic and enthusiastic
- has the ability to be decisive, consistent and to set priorities
- is an effective communicator (both orally and in writing) to a variety of audiences
- has the ability to develop good relationships within a team and ability to be a supportive team player
- has a commitment to personal professional development
- has the ability to relate well to all involved in school life, showing sensitivity, consideration and a sense of humour when needed

## **Other requirements**

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will need to be completed prior to being accepted onto the course.

## **Contact details**

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