Primary Education PGCE

Postgraduate | 1 year full-time | Full Time
Social Work Education Community Wellbeing
Coach Lane Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle
Start September 2019
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About this course

The Primary Education PGCE will provide you with understanding of educational theory and of how that relates to practice, alongside an in-depth understanding, and experience of, the National Curriculum for Key Stages 1 and 2, enabling you to kick-start a rewarding career in teaching.

Your university-based training will cover aspects such as educational theory, subject knowledge, safeguarding, philosophy of education which will underpin and impact upon your practice. School-based placements form a large part of the PGCE and you will complete a series of these over the course of your training. Arranged by Northumbria University, your placements will include group and individual tasks, observation and the planning and delivery of lessons – all of which will provide you with a strong grounding in the roles and responsibilities of a teacher.

During the placements, you will be supported and mentored by experienced teachers and senior leaders. You will also be assigned to a link tutor from Northumbria, who will support both you and your school-based mentors to ensure that your school experience fully develops your skills as a teacher.

Successful completion of the PGCE Primary Education course will provide you with a recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status. This allows you to immediately begin working in a school or other educational establishment.

Modules & Learning

This course is delivered via a mix of lectures, seminars and workshops to provide you with opportunities to develop your theory and practical skills, whilst reflecting on your school-based experiences.

Placements will form a large part of your learning and throughout the duration of your course you will undertake two assessed placements within our partnership schools. Arranged by Northumbria University, your placements will cover a wide range of activities including group and individual tasks, observation and the planning and delivery of lessons.

This course is assessed via a range of methods that include written assignments, presentations, reflective personal portfolios and school-based assessments related to the planning and conduct of teaching a lesson. These methods will enable you to demonstrate that you have met the requirements to achieve PGCE and Qualified Teacher Status, aligned to the Teachers’ Standards 2012.

- See all the Modules for this course

Teaching Staff

The PGCE Primary Education course is delivered by our team of highly experienced tutors who boast extensive experience in teaching and education. Our team have worked in schools and organisations at a local, national and international level.

Actively participating in projects that are defining the education sector, our staff are also involved in wide range of additional activities such as research, the writing of books and articles, delivering further training to experienced teachers and participating in initiatives to improve the quality of education.

This course requires you to spend a significant amount of time in our partnership schools, where you will receive additional support and mentoring from experienced teachers and senior leaders. You will also be assigned to a link tutor who will support both you and your school-based mentors to ensure that your school experience fully develops your skills as a teacher.

Facilities

Throughout the duration of your course you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities such as our University library – which has been recognised as second best in the UK – and well equipped working space, The Hub, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Your experience will be enhanced by technology and through our innovative e-learning platform, Blackboard you will be able to access student support and other key University systems through your personal account.

This innovative use of technology is embedded throughout your course to create a learning community that is professional, collaborative and well informed.

Research-rich Learning

Research-rich learning is embedded in throughout this course, with themes such as practitioner enquiry, curriculum design and reading intervention forming just a sample of the research-based learning themes covered.

You will be able to draw on our research-led teaching approaches and embark on a process where critical, analytical thinking and self-reflection are central to the development of your knowledge and understanding of learning, teaching and the professional role of a teacher.

This approach to enquiry will ensure your understanding of current practice and developments is at the forefront of the education sector.

Career Edge

You will leave with a strong understanding of teaching, and the ability to appreciate the wider expectations associated with this profession. Your placements will provide practical experience and a strong grounding of the roles and responsibility of a teacher, which is integral when applying for future positions.

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The Individual Learning and Development Plan (ILDP) and career entry development profile – both of which are incorporated into this course - will directly support your early career learning and enable you to seek out opportunities that may lead to school leadership roles.

This course is fully compliant with the requirements for initial teacher training as defined by the Department for Education and the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA).

Your Future

Completion of this course provides you with an excellent introduction to primary education teaching and the opportunity to enter a hugely rewarding profession.

When applying for your first job you will have access to the expertise of school leaders, who will support you throughout the initial application process.

Students who complete this course benefit from high employment rates and most often secure teaching roles in environments such as schools, nurseries, local authority and private early years settings.

Graduates may also take advantage of opportunities further afield and gain employment teaching abroad.

Around 50% of our graduates typically secure their first teaching before completion of their course, with this figure increasing to 90% within three months of graduation.

Successful completion of the Primary Education PGCE will also support your further study should you wish to progress to a master’s qualification.

Who would this course suit?

Are you passionate about teaching and delivering a high quality learning experience to children between the ages of five to eleven? Would you like to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in just one year? Then this could be the course for you.

Entry Requirements 2019/20

Standard Entry

Applicants must hold a good honours degree (normally 2.1 or above) of an UK university or a recognised equivalent qualification.

The content of the applicant’s previous education must provide the necessary foundation for work as a primary school teacher.

Applicants should have a GCSE grade 4 (old grade C) or above in Mathematics, English Language and a Science subject prior to submitting their application.

Please Note: we do not accept deferred applications for this programme

International applicants are required to have one of the following English language qualifications with grades as shown below.

• A British Council International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5 (or above) with a minimum score in each component of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking of 6.0
• Pearson Academic score of 62 (or above) with a minimum score in each component of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking of 54.

The University also accepts many other English language qualifications and if you have any questions about our English Language requirements please contact the Applicant Services team and we will be glad to assist you

Mandatory Skills Tests

All trainee teachers are required to pass skills tests in numeracy and literacy before starting their course.

The numeracy and literacy skills tests:

• cover the core skills that teachers need to fulfil their professional role in schools, rather than the subject knowledge required for teaching. This is to ensure all teachers are competent in numeracy and literacy, regardless of their specialism;
• do not replace the GCSE grade C equivalence entry requirement;
• are set in the context of the professional role of a teacher; all questions use real data and information which teachers are likely to encounter; and
• are computerised and can be taken at any of approximately 150 test centres throughout the UK.

If you’d like to find out more about what is required, please visit the official Skills Tests page at education.gov.uk

For further information please contact the Applicant Services team on 0191 406 0901 or email bc.applicantservices@northumbria.ac.uk

Career Progression

With all primary education programmes at Northumbria now category A (The highest possible category) after our recent OFSTED inspection, a Primary Education PGCE is the course of choice for those serious about developing a career in Primary Education.

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Module Overview

Year 1
- TE6680 Curriculum, Creativity & Challenge
- TE6681 Primary Professional Practice
- TE7057 Professionalism & Inclusive Practice
- TE7058 Learning, Teaching & Assessment in Core Curriculum

Finance

**Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)**

2019 entry: Full Fee £9,250

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

**Tuition Fees (International students)**

2019 entry: Tuition fees not yet confirmed.

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

**Additional Costs (All Students)**

2019 entry: Throughout your course you will incur placement travel costs of approximately £800. In addition to your placement travel costs you would also expect to incur a cost of approximately £30 to fund travel expenses related to various field trips as part of your programme.

Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding)

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

Other Additional Costs

**Accommodation Costs**

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our accommodation pages to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

**Disability Support**

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact Student Support and Well-being.

**Healthcare Costs**

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. More information about what should be covered by your insurance policy can be found here. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the Welfare, Immigration and Funding team based in Student Support and Well-being.

**Congregation Costs**

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to

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review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

Library Costs

The University Library’s Online Reading List Service gives you access to your directed reading material for your modules. The Library Reading List team works in partnership with your module tutors to ensure you have access to the material that you need. If you cannot find your online reading list, you should contact your module tutor.

The University’s online bookstore, provided by John Smiths offers 20% discounted prices and free delivery on textbooks (https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/northumbria).

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

The university offers access to PC’s, however students may, if they so wish to purchase their own laptops/PC’s.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

Please visit the library pages for a full list of library charges.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria’s courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

Printing & Photocopying Costs

Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20*. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student. Details of printing and copying charges can be found on our website.

*Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required.

Sports Memberships

We offer something for everyone at Northumbria Sport. Our memberships are our most cost effective way to get involved but we also have plenty of ‘Pay As You Go’ options too. Our flagship facility, Sport Central, boasts state-of-the-art facilities including our fitness environment, pool sauna and steam room. To discover more visit Northumbria Sport.

Students’ Union

The Students Union aims to make sure you have the best possible experience at university. Some of their activities may incur additional optional charges. You can find out more about the work of the Students Union, how you can get involved and associated costs on our website.

Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the UK Government’s website, and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our here.

Useful Links

Tutor Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/primary-education-pgce-ft-gtpm6/tutor-profiles/

Student Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/primary-education-pgce-ft-gtpm6/student-profiles/

Alumni Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/primary-education-pgce-ft-gtpm6/alumni-profiles/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/primary-education-pgce-ft-gtpm6/showcase/

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