North Tyneside SCITT

Further Asked Questions

Who is the course for?

Those interested in becoming a primary school teacher (specialising in ages 3-7 or 5-11).

We attract applicants of all ages, from a huge range of backgrounds - our recent graduates have been aged between 21 to 54, with experience in everything from accountancy and business to zoology.

What qualification will I receive?

You'll graduate with a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) validated by Northumbria University, and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) awarded by North Tyneside SCITT.

How is it assessed?

The programme has no formal examinations. Instead, trainees are assessed by written assignments, and practical work in school. The final school placement represents a vital component of this assessment. The standards for QTS require trainees to be successful in all areas, and from the outset each trainee is involved in auditing their own learning and setting targets for their own professional development.

Do I need any prior school experience?

As teaching involves working with children on a daily basis, we strongly recommend that applicants have had at least five days recent and relevant experience of working with children in the age phase you are looking to train in, prior to applying. This experience will strengthen an application and should be detailed within the personal statement section. We however understand that obtaining experience may not be possible. Therefore, your application will still be accepted even if you have been unable to obtain school experience.

What qualifications do I need for the course?

Applicants must possess a good honours degree (i. e. 2:2 or above) from a UK university or a recognised equivalent qualification upon commencement of the course. Your degree can be in any subject.

It is also a requirement that you have a grade C / 4 or above in mathematics, English language and a science subject, or equivalent qualifications.

We will also accept equivalency tests from third party providers. For further information about equivalent qualifications and tests, please contact the SCITT office.

What is the application process?

Applications should be made via The Get Into Teaching (GOV.UK) portal and you will then be invited for interview if successful. You can apply from mid-October each year.

All interviews for North Tyneside SCITT and School Direct places will be held in our partnership schools, this gives applicants the opportunity to find out about our programme first hand from head teachers, expert mentors and trainees in schools.

Trainees must be prepared to demonstrate their own suitability for an offer of a place. Interview results are communicated as soon as possible after the interview takes place, but any offer of acceptance of a place is conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory medical report, police clearance and referencing checks.

When does the next course start?

September 2022

How much time is spend doing the formal taught elements of the programme?

There are 25 weeks of non-salaried school-based training (equating to 40hrs+ per week) and 11 weeks of full-time study (equating to 35hrs per week).

How many placements will I do?

You will have three placements in three contrasting North Tyneside schools. You will have a placement in the autumn term, one in the spring term and one in the summer term.

Where will my placement(s) be?

You are guaranteed placements at our partnership schools in North Tyneside. These placements are organised by North Tyneside SCITT.

Is it full time or is part time available?

The programme is full time and lasts 38 weeks.

How much is the course?

The course tuition fee for the 2022/23 course will be £9,250. This includes a free laptop for the duration of the course, free Wi-Fi access and printing.

Is there any financial support available?

Financial support may be available for eligible applicants through Student Finance. General information can be found on the [student finance](#) website. This easy-to-use website includes tools to estimate any grants and calculate loan repayments.