




The North Tyneside School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) Programme

Post Graduate Certificate in Education
(Primary) with Qualified Teacher Status

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We put
children and
their learning
at the heart of
what we do.

Our Mission Statement

Vision for Excellence

Our aim is to create teachers who embody excellence in primary education.

We believe that each child is unique and that education should allow them to develop to their full potential.

Each trainee will be offered the highest quality training experiences so they can ably support every child's right to the best possible education.

Trainees will grow in their understanding of how children think and learn, and develop as reflective practitioners.

By the end of the course, they will be able to take up their first teaching post with confidence.

Our partnership brings together expertise in the field of Initial Teacher Education, excellent practice, plus commitment to professional development from diverse schools across North Tyneside.

We also offer the opportunity for an enriched training experience through the involvement of North Tyneside Council's School Improvement Service.

Trainee satisfaction survey:

In our 2024 trainee satisfaction survey, all (100%) of our completing graduates were VERY satisfied with the overall quality of the course.

Welcome to the North Tyneside SCITT Programme.

This unique post-graduate training route will equip you with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become a highly effective primary school teacher.

Our highly successful programme combines high quality extensive classroom experience with expert guidance, and continues to be rated outstanding by Ofsted (2023).

A school-centred programme is the best way to train if you're looking for lots of practical experience, and want to benefit from the expertise of teachers on the ground.

We attract applicants of all ages, from a huge range of backgrounds – our recent graduates have been aged between 22 to 54, with experience in everything from accountancy and business to zoology.

For the duration of the programme, you'll have a base at Swans Centre for Innovation in Wallsend – where you'll be mixing with, and learning from, experienced and respected early years and primary professionals.

You are also guaranteed placements in our partnership schools in North Tyneside, where you'll get practical, hands-on classroom experience and train alongside some really inspiring teachers.

You'll be part of a small cohort which means we can give you personalised support tailored to your needs, and really nurture your development.

And you'll graduate with a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) validated by Northumbria University, Qualified Teacher Status, a wealth of experience, up to the minute knowledge and fantastic job prospects.

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Outstanding programme taught by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners who were able to teach both theory and give practical ideas for the classroom.

Cheryl Bryden
SCITT Graduate
Teacher in North Tyneside

Choose the Outstanding primary teacher training programme from North Tyneside Council:

- Rated Outstanding by Ofsted
- Continued high levels of satisfaction with regards to the quality of training and support received
- Ideal for trainees who are looking for a more school-based route
- Substantial opportunities to gain high quality experience in primary expertise and practice
- Expert support from locally and nationally recognised primary and education specialists
- Small cohort group and bespoke support
- Based in a professional and well-resourced training environment
- On average, over 90 percent of trainees gain 60 credits at Masters level

We'll provide you with:

GUARANTEED
school placements
FREE wi-fi access

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The North Tyneside
SCITT PGCE (Primary) with
Qualified Teacher Status

APPLY code

N73 SCITT

2C4L – (3–7 years) FS & KS1

2ZPF – (5–11years) KS1 & KS2

Programme length

38 weeks

Attendance mode

Full time

Applications

All applications should be made
via GOV.UK Apply for teacher
training portal at
www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training

If you need any help or guidance
with your application, please
contact the SCITT office on (0191)
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This highly distinctive course has been developed in response to changing priorities in the field of primary education over recent years.

Early primary years are regarded as a hugely influential period of development. As such, teaching professionals need specific skills and knowledge around the development and learning needs of children, as well as an understanding of the wider support needs of families.

The North Tyneside SCITT programme equips you with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become an effective primary school teacher.

Trainees gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Foundation Stage Curriculum and the National Curriculum for Key Stages One and Two.

In addition, this school-based route offers you opportunities for substantial practical experience across North Tyneside's partner schools.

All trainees have a professional guidance tutor to support them throughout the course, and all schools provide school-based tutors to offer additional support while trainees are on placement.

Graduates are awarded a PGCE Primary, validated by Northumbria University, with Qualified Teacher Status.

And because of the specialist nature of the training, North Tyneside SCITT graduates are highly sought after, especially by North Tyneside schools.

The North Tyneside SCITT partnership

The course is constructed around a partnership between schools in North Tyneside, North Tyneside Council and Northumbria University.

It is run by a partnership of over 20 North Tyneside primary schools, supported by North Tyneside Council's School Improvement Service Advisory Team and experts from schools and higher education.

This mix brings together a strong practice base, the expertise of the local authority advisory service and extensive classroom experience, to create an outstanding post-graduate programme for initial teacher training.

'I can't express how amazing I have found this course. Yes, it has been hard and has been a lot of work (that's part of the fun) but how this course is organised and set up is so well thought out.'

'I have learned so much this year and I am far more confident within the professional school environment. I feel totally prepared to step into my own classroom.' Sarah Chrisp (2023 Graduate)

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My initial teacher training experience with NT SCITT has been transformative, enriching and nothing but joyful. I am deeply thankful for the opportunities, support, and experiences provided, which have prepared me well for my future career in teaching at my dream school.

Erin Taylor
(2024 Graduate)

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Programme structure

The programme is structured around four distinct but inter-related modules. The various elements will enable trainees to meet all the standards for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

The four modules are:

- Reflective Primary Teacher
- Curriculum Studies
- Critical Curriculum Studies
- Educational Placements: trainees will undertake placements in partnership schools in addition to their ongoing school based experience.

Our ITE Curriculum

During their time on the programme, all stakeholders within the partnership are committed to providing our trainees with the best possible training opportunities. Our ITE curriculum offers purposefully integrated learning experiences that allow our trainees to develop their understanding and skills across the range of primary subjects. The programme is carefully constructed and sequenced to ensure that there are clear developmental strands that run across the training programme.

Our ITE curriculum is ambitious and forward thinking, it pulls on the best possible practice and expertise in schools and at centre. Learning is integrated within both centre and school-based experience, allowing our trainees to observe, understand and develop their skills and practice within a structured and considered timeline of learning. Our curriculum is informed by up to date and pertinent research and there is an expectation that trainees should integrate their emerging critical understanding within their practice. All stakeholders have a firm and shared understanding of our ITE curriculum and how this develops over the course of the programme.

Our trainees are expected to have high professional behaviours and expectations of themselves to master classroom practice and become the best possible teachers of the future.

A key strength of the programme is that the practical and taught elements are strongly linked. Each week trainees spend time in schools in addition to assessed block placements; this enables the taught elements of the course to be firmly grounded in classroom experience.

Trainees are committed to:

- Ensuring that children's learning and wellbeing is at the core of their practice
- Being highly reflective and committed practitioners who consistently strive to improve their practice
- Meeting professional requirements as detailed in the Teachers' Standards and maintaining a high level of professional
- conduct throughout their training
- Constant development of personal subject knowledge and pedagogy

Entry requirements

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.

To that end, it is also a requirement that you have a grade C / 4 or above in mathematics, English language or English literature and a science subject, or equivalent qualifications prior to commencement of the course. We will also accept equivalency tests from third parties. Please contact the SCITT office for clarification as to which equivalent qualifications and equivalency tests are accepted.

Original certificates will be required as proof of qualifications.

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 phases you have applied for, prior to applying. This experience will strengthen an application and should be detailed within the personal statement section.

When completing an application form applicants must include within their personal statement the reason(s) and motivation as to why they wish to teach primary aged children. We will also need details of any/all recent and relevant experience with children (i.e. length of time and dates need be included).

A policy of equal opportunities is actively pursued. We welcome applications and enquiries regardless of gender, race, age, religion or belief, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

For further information and advice on the North Tyneside SCITT, please contact:

Swans Centre for Innovation,
Station Road,
Wallsend,
NE28 6HJ
Tel: 0191 643 8855
Email: scitt@northtyneside.gov.uk

Assessment

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 Qualified Teacher Status 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.

Selection procedure

Candidates invited for interview are provided with an opportunity to visit a partnership school and meet school staff and tutors on the programme. School staff and tutors are members of the interviewing panels. There will be a short presentation and an opportunity to find out a bit more about our unique course in North Tyneside.

Trainees must be prepared to demonstrate their own suitability for an offer of a place. Please be aware that if you choose more than one of our routes, you will be interviewed for all selected routes within the same interview day.

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 and police clearance.



Training venue and resources

Swans Centre for Innovation

The taught elements of the programme will be delivered mainly at the Swans Centre for Innovation, Wallsend.

The centre is located just off Buddle Street in Wallsend opposite Segedunum Roman Fort, and is within walking distance of Wallsend Metro station.

It offers:

- A training room
- A SCITT common room where trainees can relax and work
- Free parking
- Free Wi-Fi



100% of 2024 trainees said they would definitely recommend the SCITT to others who were thinking of becoming a primary school teacher.

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I never fail to be impressed by the quality of the course, the expertise of the staff and the dedication and determination shown by the trainees. This is a very special PGCE that produces high quality graduates expertly prepared for their early career as a teacher.

Tony Rigg, Headteacher,
Amberley Primary School

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100% of 2024 trainees were satisfied with the overall design, structure and content of the taught programme.



School accommodation

Partnership schools look forward to welcoming and training SCITT trainees every year. The schools ensure that study space is available to trainee teachers and that they have access ICT to facilities within the school.

Northumbria University

North Tyneside SCITT trainees have access to Northumbria University's Coach Lane Campus facilities nearby. Coach Lane Campus is four miles from Swans Centre for Innovation and has a large library serving the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. The library offers extensive IT facilities including an on-line research facility.

Financial information

The course tuition fee for the 2025/26 course will be £9,535. There is no training bursary award for Primary ITT courses for 2025/26.

For more information on fees and funding, please contact the SCITT office on (0191) 643 8855 or email scitt@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Financial support may be available for eligible applicants.

For general information on student finance, visit www.gov.uk/student-finance. The easy-to-use website includes tools to estimate any grants and calculate loan repayments.

How do I apply?

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The lecturers on the course were amazing and they knew their stuff! With every lecture I felt I was gaining outstanding knowledge from professionals working in and around the teaching profession. I felt supported throughout the whole course and this gave me the confidence to feel ready for the teaching profession. I also gained superb knowledge on how to approach lessons and how to teach a class and, more importantly, how to bring the best of me to ensure the children would get the highest standard of teaching.

I feel hugely prepared for my first job in September. The course is led by a fantastic and approachable team who know the profession and are always on hand to support. I changed careers with the NT SCITT and I have no regrets! I absolutely made the right choice and I would make the same choice again in a heartbeat. I would highly recommend the NT SCITT course to any potential teachers

Paul Iveson, SCITT Graduate,
Teacher in North Tyneside

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North Tyneside is home to more award-winning beaches than anywhere else in the region, has a UNESCO World Heritage site in Segedunum Roman Fort (part of Hadrian's Wall) is a great place for shopping or a surfing lesson and provides easy access to the rest of Tyne and Wear.

A year-round events programme includes the annual Mouth of the Tyne Festival that attracts thousands of people and has seen Paul Weller, The Script and many more grace its stage. There are weekly markets in the restored Victorian Tynemouth Station, a number of food and drink festivals, one of the most scenic 10k Road Races in the UK and a Winter Festival featuring fireworks, Christmas Markets and a dip in the icy North Sea on New Year's Day!

There are popular attractions like Blue Reef Aquarium, St. Mary's Lighthouse and Wet'n'Wild Waterpark. We have award-winning ice cream and fish and chip providers, and also currently boast the best Bed and Breakfast in the region, after the Martineau Guest House in Tynemouth won Gold at the North East England Tourism Awards.

Our busy town centres offer many high street names alongside passionate independent retailers. Royal Quays Outlet Centre has big name brands at small prices and the Silverlink Retail Park is an attraction in its own right with a wide choice of the most famous names in fashion, homewares and furniture alongside an ODEON Cinema, Nando's and Bella Italia.

Tynemouth Village has a range of high quality places to eat and drink, including independent coffee shops and restaurants, along with stunning views of the River Tyne from Tynemouth Priory and Castle. There are also specialist retail businesses not found anywhere else in the region.

North Tyneside is not only a great place to live, work and visit, but is the gateway to the best of North East England.

With the vibrant city of Newcastle just a short Metro journey to the west (around 15 minutes) and the stunning countryside and small villages of neighbouring Northumberland to the north, basing yourself here offers real quality of life with access to a range of top days out and experiences on your doorstep.



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