# X6K114: Education (Primary)

Postgraduate Taught PGCE 2020

## Essentials

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Course Summary

Description

The PGCE Primary provides a course in Initial Teacher Training which is accredited by the Department for Education (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education). It will equip you to become a primary school teacher (ages 5-11) and will provide training for Key Stages One and Two. Successful completion of the course will provide you with a recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) (www.gov.uk/guidance/qualified-teacher-status-qts), awarded by the Department for Education and a PGCE (awarded by Durham University).

Students who have successfully completed the PGCE (www.dur.ac.uk/education/itt/) at Durham in the previous academic year have the option to use 90 credits they have accredited towards a part-time MA Education. These students only need to do the core modules, Education Enquiry, and the Dissertation over two years, to complete the programme.

In addressing the government's standards for QTS, the School of Education seeks to promote the notion of primary school teachers as reflective practitioners who are confident in their ability to teach all subjects in the primary curriculum, and able to articulate their beliefs about what constitutes effective pedagogy. PGCE should be viewed as the first phase of a career-long process of personal and professional development.

The course aims to provide you with professional and academic training in preparation for your role as a primary teacher. Underpinning the course is a belief that successful teachers need to understand how children learn and that this is best achieved through a combination of theory, practice, and reflection.

The Durham PGCE Primary course has been developed in partnership with schools, and offers a strong practical element, with student teachers spending a substantial part of the year in school. Students on the course have opportunities to develop an understanding of the values and issues which underpin education and are encouraged to develop and articulate their own beliefs. The responsibility for training is shared between schools and the University, which together provide a supportive professional environment in which you can develop your knowledge, skills, understanding and expertise.
Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

At UCAS you can apply for this course using the following code: X100

- The equivalent of a UK upper second class honours degree. If your degree is from an overseas institution you must apply for a Statement of Comparability from NARIC (ecctis.co.uk/naric/)
- A demonstrable interest and involvement in the lives and development of young people
- GCSE English, Mathematics and Science at Grade 4 (or C) or above (or equivalent) which must be achieved at the time of application. If your equivalent qualifications are from an overseas institution, you must apply for a Statement of Comparability from NARIC (ecctis.co.uk/naric/).

Your professional and interpersonal qualities and your commitment to teaching will be considered when making an admissions decision. Candidates who meet the criteria, will be invited to a selection day. Selection days will involve individual interviews with a pre-prepared presentation element and tests to assess written English and other skills.

Successful candidates will receive an offer conditional upon successful medical and criminal record checks. The latter is carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service (www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/overview) and full instructions on how to apply for a DBS Disclosure will be provided.

If you have a criminal record of any kind, you may contact the School of Education DBS Manager, caroline.emery@durham.ac.uk for further advice and information. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

We strongly encourage you to register for the DBS Update Service (www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service), which lets you take your certificate from one employer to another without having to apply for a new check. Please note, all DBS Enhanced Disclosures for our Students must be applied for through Durham University unless you have applied to the Update Service.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/).

How to apply

Please apply through UCAS (www.ucas.com/).
## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

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The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (unless otherwise stated).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)
Career Opportunities

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Career opportunities in education are wide and include classroom teaching, educational leadership and management, administration and policy development.

For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please view our department web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/education/).
Open days and visits

Pre-application open day
www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit

Overseas Visit Schedule
www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Postgraduate Visits
PGVI or
www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/
Department Information

School of Education

Overview

The School of Education is one of the leading departments of education in the UK. We are a large department, with around 50 academic staff, and around 650 postgraduate students (including our PGCE students, both primary and secondary). We are also supported by a large number of partners from schools and colleges. We have strong international links, welcoming students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars from all over the world. We are committed to research which engages with, and has an impact upon, practice and policy as well as influencing the wider research community to develop educational practice, education policy and future educational research.

Ranking

Ranked joint 5th in the UK for World-Leading research and joint 1st for World-Leading research impact in REF 2014.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/education