



Postgraduate Certificate In Education (PGCE)

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Northern Ireland Universities offering the PGCE:

- University of Ulster www.ulster.ac.uk
- Queen's University Belfast www.qub.ac.uk





P.G.C.E Primary and P.G.C.E Post Primary

COLERAINE CAMPUS

- Primary
- Art and Design
- History
- English with Drama and Media Studies
- Home Economics
- Geography
- Music

JORDANSTOWN CAMPUS

- Physical Education
- Technology and Design

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P.G.C.E Secondary

- English
- Mathematics
- Information Technology/Computing
- Modern Foreign Languages
(French, German, Irish & Spanish)
- Science
(Biology, Chemistry & Physics)
- Politics
- Religious Education
- Sociology

- **Stranmillis University College, Belfast** PGCE
Early Years (3-8 age range)
- **St. Mary's University College, Belfast**
PGCE (Irish Medium Primary)

How long does a PGCE take?

- PGCE Primary - 38 Weeks Full Time
- PGCE Post Primary – 36 Weeks Full Time (except Design & Technology 42 weeks)

Entry Requirements:

- Usually a good honours degree
- GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or equivalent e.g. Leaving Cert Grade C (Ordinary Level)
- For Primary Teaching a Science Subject is also required
- Demonstrate an interest in teaching
- Competence in ICT
- School Experience - at least 10 days experience for primary and 5 days for post primary teaching

How do you apply?

- The application form can be downloaded directly from University website, completed in Word and printed. Forms must be signed and returned by post.
- Please ensure that you download the following when making a PGCE application:
 - application form
 - guidance notes
 - a letter requesting a reference (for each referee)
 - a reference form (for each referee).
- When you have completed your application form please return it to the University

Closing Dates: QUB - Apply by 1st Nov

UU - Primary - Apply by 10th Nov

Post Primary – Apply by 18th Nov

Personal Statement

- Describe briefly your reasons for wanting to become a teacher
- Previous school experience e.g. work placement in school (not necessarily teaching), games coaching, one to one tuition, voluntary work etc
- Good Subject Knowledge
- Realistic expectations
- Awareness of current trends in education

Interview

- Application acknowledged by University
- Interviews - December, January & February
- Offers - usually March

Interview

- Usually half day event

Possible Tasks

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Presentation

Subject knowledge check

Individual Interview

- Commitment to teaching
- Subject Knowledge
- Evidence of school experience

Tuition Fees

- Tuition Fees for 2010/11 - £3290
- 2011/12 - £3375
- 2012/13 - ??

- No PGCE Bursaries available in Northern Ireland

New Regulation for Teachers seeking registration with The Teaching Council of Ireland

“Persons commencing a teacher education qualification in another EEA Member State from 01/01/2011 onwards must also complete any required period of post-qualification professional practice (e.g. N.Q.T. or Induction year) and be fully recognised/registered under the terms of the Directive 2005/36/EC by the designated authority of that Member State prior to seeking registration with The Teaching Council in Ireland”.

Regulations available : www.teachingcouncil.ie

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