



Secondary Education Physical Education

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

(Including a Recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status
and Master's-Level Credits)

OR

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

(Including a Recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status)





Why study this programme?

This very popular programme provides student teachers with specialist training in the teaching of physical education so that they become confident and competent practitioners in a secondary school setting. It develops teachers who can work effectively across a range of practical activities and gives them the skills to increase the potential of children who may be enthusiastic, gifted or talented or, at the other end of the continuum, lacking motivation for the subject.

Why study with us?

This programme enables you to:

- Develop your understanding of how to bring about physical education learning with secondary-age pupils
- Widen your knowledge and understanding across the field of physical education
- Become a confident, competent and effective teacher of physical education in schools
- Learn to reflect on theory and practice
- Be an innovator in the future evolution of physical education.

Career opportunities

Graduates from this programme can pursue a teaching career in secondary schools.

Job prospects in this field are excellent. As a London institution with partner schools in Kent and Essex, the

university can ensure student teachers benefit hugely from the training opportunities available in both urban and rural environments. This broad preparation maximises employment prospects for newly qualified teachers. Many of our students gain employment in their placement schools due to their accomplishments and the suitability of their training.

Teaching and assessment

The PGCE ensures that student teachers are formally assessed against the national statutory requirements for the award of Qualified Teacher Status. An audit of skills, experience and expertise that student teachers bring to the programme forms the basis for monitoring progress. This enables tutors to advise and direct trainees into areas of practice that may need further development or support. Student teachers are also allocated a university supervisor, who is a subject specialist teacher. The supervisor observes the student teacher in school and offers additional support and guidance.

Theoretical and practical physical education sessions are timetabled to enable subject-specific issues to be analysed and discussed. Topics such as lesson planning, differentiated tasks and outcomes, teaching methods and assessment in physical education are considered with subject-specialist staff.

A significant number of lectures, seminars and workshops are common to all PGCE Secondary subjects.

These examine professional issues and skills which affect all teachers (e.g. inclusion, behaviour management, the pastoral role of the teacher and the use of information and communications technology).

The university courses are assessed through subject-based assignments, a professional portfolio, a school-focused project and classroom-based assessments of competency. Student teachers on school placement are formally assessed against the national statutory requirements for the award of Qualified Teacher Status; student teachers who successfully complete the necessary skills tests will be recommended for this. A physical education mentor in the placement school is assigned to each student teacher. The mentor provides specialist advice and guidance and monitors the student's progress in conjunction with the university supervisor.

You will be given the opportunity to submit work at Master's level, which will provide extra credits towards further postgraduate study; it will also change the title of the award from Professional Graduate Certificate in Education to Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

Financial information

For up-to-date financial information on tuition fees, grants and bursaries, please go to **www.gre.ac.uk/finance** or visit the Training and Development Agency for Schools website at **www.tda.gov.uk**.



Key facts

GTTR code: X9C6

Attendance: the programme is full-time for 36 weeks. This includes 24 weeks spent in a range of schools on teaching experience. The remainder of the training is at Avery Hill Campus.

Students must attend all lectures and workshops at university and during school experience work the same hours as teachers (this is longer than the school-timetabled day). Good attendance and punctuality are essential aspects of professionalism and form part of your assessment throughout the programme.

Entry requirements:

Applicants must have:

- A 2.2 or above in an honours degree in an appropriate sports-related subject. This should have a substantial

practical component which relates to the activity areas of physical education in the National Curriculum

- GCSE mathematics and English language at grade C or above.

Applicants are required to attend an interview and must demonstrate interest, experience, skill and commitment related to teaching physical education.

Statutory checks: applicants must undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) 'Enhanced Disclosure' check. Failure to satisfy CRB standards or to supply relevant information may result in removal of an offer for admittance to the programme or a student's removal from the programme.

How to apply: apply online to the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) at www.gttr.ac.uk and quote the GTTR code.



Your next step

University Open Days are held several times a year. They include a programme of talks and offer you the opportunity to speak to staff and students. You may also be given a tour of the campus. A list of dates can be found at www.gre.ac.uk/opendays, or contact the Enquiry Unit or International Office for further information.



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