



UNIVERSITY
of
GREENWICH

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Lifelong Learning Sector (Part-Time/Flexible Programme)

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Professional Certificate in Education (PCE)



Greenwich Campus

www.gre.ac.uk/education

Why study this programme?

This programme leads to initial teaching qualifications for those who teach in further education colleges, sixth-form colleges, adult education centres, art colleges, healthcare and community organisations, the public services and a wide range of commercial and voluntary organisations. The programme covers the skills needed for teaching and classroom management and helps students to explore the theory underpinning teaching and learning.

Students study this PGCE/PCE either part-time or through a flexible, distance learning programme.

The part-time mode will provide you with weekly support and motivation

from your tutor and your fellow students. This programme currently runs on Thursday evenings.

The flexible mode offers students the opportunity to study at home in their own time. You will be given study guides to work through and receive extra support via our virtual learning environment, where you can access readings and interact with tutors and other students. You will be supported by a personal tutor and through online chat sessions.

Both the part-time and flexible modes are two years in duration. If you have already gained enough credits to cover the first year, it may be possible to gain direct entry to the second year.



Why study with us?

The School of Education exemplifies the very best practice in teaching and learning through interactive lectures and seminars, electronic media, peer learning, tutorials and a wide variety of resources.

The School is one of the most diverse of its kind in the country: our programmes, both academic and professional, cover subjects ranging from early years, primary and secondary education to lifelong learning and informal educational settings.

We are a large but friendly School and ensure that each student receives individual attention. We are proud of our pastoral care, which supports our students and helps them achieve their goals.

A vital ingredient that helps maximise the success of our students is our diverse partnerships with community projects, the volunteer sector, adult education centres, teaching schools and academies. These help keep our programmes relevant to the needs of the workplace.

Our programmes are supported by research and scholarship. Many of our lecturers are active researchers with a wide range of interests in fields such as teaching poetry, leadership, play and recreation, natural learning, music education and education policy.

Our professional programmes have recently undergone a successful Ofsted inspection, with some aspects

of our provision being graded as outstanding. The university has been ranked number one for teaching excellence in London in the Sunday Times University Guide.

Greenwich Campus is the university's largest campus and is centred on three buildings designed at the end of the 17th century by Sir Christopher Wren, architect of St Paul's Cathedral. The campus is part of the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and is on the south bank of the River Thames, five miles east of central London. The campus has a library, language laboratories, a 1,000-PC computing facility and a bookshop. Student accommodation and students' union buildings are a short walk away.

What courses will you study?

Year 1

- Planning and Enabling Learning (15 credits)
- Assessment and Learning (15 credits)
- Managing and Responding to Behaviour (15 credits)
- Theories and Principles (15 credits)

Year 2

- Curriculum Development (15 credits)
- Subject Specialist Study (15 credits)
- Wider Professional Practice (15 credits)
- Continuing Professional Development (15 credits)



Key facts

Attendance: 2 years, either through part-time, weekly attendance at the university (sessions currently run on Thursday evenings) or through a flexible, distance learning programme (this does not require attendance, but Saturday study days are offered each term)

Entry requirements:

Applicants should have:

A higher qualification in their subject (e.g. a degree for most academic subjects or at least a Level 3 qualification for most vocational subjects).

- Applicants must be teaching/training for at least 150 hours over the course of the programme (approximately 75 hours a year). During the average academic year, this approximates to three hours a week. At least part of this time must be spent teaching groups of at least eight students or more.

- Applicants must also organise a mentor who teaches their subject (or a related subject). Mentors will need a PGCE/PCE and at least two years' teaching/training experience. If applicants are already in work-based training, their mentor should have at least three years' experience of training and be willing to provide a CV and a letter from their institution. The mentor will be responsible for carrying out three teaching observations a year and for holding regular meetings to discuss progress.

- Applicants do not need English or mathematics Level 2 for entry to the programme, but they will need these qualifications to gain Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills awarded through the Institute for Learning.

How to apply: applications should be made online at www.gre.ac.uk/apply.

Career opportunities

This qualification is endorsed by Standards Verification UK as Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector and provides full professional recognition as a teacher/trainer.

Teaching and assessment

Attendance is not required for studying via the flexible mode, although study days are offered to give students a

chance to work with their tutor and other students. Teaching for the part-time mode is carried out in the classroom. Students are assessed on their teaching ability (observations) and by coursework. There are no examinations.

Financial information

For up-to-date financial information visit www.gre.ac.uk/finance.



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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your choice of programme and interests? Becoming a Greenwich VIP is a fast route to ordering our publications, booking an Open Day and finding out more about the university. You can also take part in chat sessions with staff and students, receive text and e-mail alerts, and enter our online competitions. Sign up at **www.gre.ac.uk/study**.

For further information

To find out more about studying at the university, please contact:

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