

PGCE Primary (5-11) with QTS



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Subject Area	Education & Teaching
Course Type	Higher Education
Study Level	Level 7
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	Lister Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2025
Course Code	PFPL002

Course Summary

This is the perfect opportunity for you to work towards a rewarding and challenging career at the McMillan School of Education, an established centre for teacher education set in a stimulating, diverse environment.

The degree fulfils the minimum entitlement of the ITT: Core Content Framework for teacher training alongside an ambitious and innovative curriculum designed by Leeds Trinity University. Opportunities to develop clear links between theory and practice are evident through school-based training, intensive training and practice weeks and a series of visiting speakers to enhance your understanding of all aspects of primary school life and learning.

At the heart of the course is school experience, and we provide an extensive programme of school placements throughout, giving you the opportunity, to practise your teaching skills. We have strong partnership links with local schools and nurseries throughout West Yorkshire and beyond.

Your future career will be built on a solid foundation of the highest academic standards of teaching and learning, as our teaching staff are experts in their chosen field and

outstanding practitioners.

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) at Bradford College is delivered in partnership with Leeds Trinity University as the accredited provider. Find out more on [our partnership page](#).

What You Will Learn

Teaching and learning methods include lectures, workshops, group discussions, seminars and tutorials within our bespoke classroom settings.

The PGCE Primary (5-11) programme prepares you to build on the early childhood experiences that children bring with them to their first years of more formal schooling. You will build on best practice through experiences across the Primary age phase. You will have placements across the 5-11 age phase, so you'll develop the skills needed to teach across the curriculum. By developing your knowledge of how children learn and retain information, you'll support them through their formative years of education and help prepare them for the challenges of secondary education and their future careers.

School experience

School experience is a vital part of your teacher training programme. A key strength of the course is how theory and practice are related by working with children in placement schools – with support provided by experienced mentors.

School placements are compliant with DfE criteria and will be arranged for you within the Primary age range. Every effort is made to ensure that the most appropriate placements are chosen for each trainee to enhance their professional development. We have strong links with local schools, whose staff make a significant contribution to your training. Placement schools are situated in Bradford and the neighbouring areas to give a wide range of experience and to meet the needs of students from across the region.

Entry Requirements

An honours degree (usually 2:2 or above).

GCSE Grade 4 (or C or accepted equivalent) English Language or English Literature, Mathematics and Science. If you do not already have the appropriate GCSEs, or if you are unable to provide proof of your grades, please refer to the GCSE Equivalency information below.

Suitable personal and intellectual qualities required for teaching in school.

Applicants also need to demonstrate the commitment, attitudes and values appropriate to those of a primary teacher and the potential to train as a teacher. Strong applicants often have experience in primary schools, but this is not a requirement.

The ability to read effectively and communicate clearly and accurately in spoken and written standard English.

The capacity to meet the Secretary of State's requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach. All successful candidates will be asked to complete a health assessment as part of the entry conditions to the programme.

GCSE Equivalency

If you do not already have the appropriate GCSEs, or if you are unable to provide proof of your grades, we can accept GCSE equivalency tests taken with [A Star Equivalency](#), [equivalencytesting.com](#) or Birmingham City University (BCU) [bcu.ac.uk](#). Further details are emailed to applicants who accept offers with us.

Suitable applicants will be invited for an interview.

An offer of a place is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure Certificate and a satisfactory medical. If you are offered and accept a place you will be sent the information regarding both of these checks.

This course is not available to students on a Student Route Visa.

Progression

Career and progression opportunities in the Primary sector are plentiful and rewarding. Completion of the PGCE Primary (5-11) with QTS will give you the relevant training and expertise as you continue to build the skills and knowledge you need to feel confident and empowered in your classroom as an Early Career Teacher (ECT).

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