

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (PGCE) (SECONDARY)



MASTER'S LEVEL (90 CREDITS)

PGCE SECONDARY COURSE: SCHOOL DIRECT

The overall aim of the course is to support you in developing into an effective teaching professional.

The programme runs for 38 weeks and includes at least 120 days on placement in schools and 60 days at the university. We work in partnership with School Direct schools across Norfolk and Suffolk. Our current School Direct lead schools and their partners are:

Alliance/Lead School	Partner schools
County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds	Westley Middle School, Horringer Court Middle School, Howard Middle School, Icen Academy
Encompass/Hartismere High School, Eye	Benjamin Britten Music Academy
Hellesdon High School, Norwich	Aylsham High School, Alderman Peel High School, Open Academy, Notre Dame High School
Litcham School, Norfolk	
Farlingaye Kesgrave Teaching Alliance/Kesgrave High School, Suffolk	Farlingaye High School, Northgate High School Ipswich, Stowupland High School, Sir John Leman High School, Westbourne Academy, East Bergholt High School, Debenham High School
Ignite Teaching Alliance/Ormiston Venture Academy	Ormiston Venture Academy, Ormiston Victory Academy, Ormiston Denes Academy, Flegg High School, Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, City of Norwich School
Inspiration Trust/Thetford Academy, Norfolk	Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form, Jane Austen College, East Point Academy, Cromer Academy, Trafalgar College, The Hewett Academy
Thorpe St Andrew High School and Sixth Form, Norwich	Dereham Neatherd High School, East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Spalding High School, Bungay High School, Lynn Grove Academy

DESCRIPTION OF TAUGHT COURSE

School Direct trainees follow the same calendar as all of our other secondary trainee teachers, and they attend sessions together. You will follow a programme based at UEA which has two components:

- Professional development (PD)
- Curriculum groups

The course is assessed against 'M' Level criteria - leading to Qualified Teacher Status and 90 credits at Master's Level. There is the opportunity to return to UEA to complete the [MA Educational Practice and Research](#), by completing a further 90 credits, usually by part-time study. Increasing numbers of teachers are completing their Master's studies to support their career development.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD)

The PD programme is made up of lectures and seminars in which you learn about educational topics relevant to all trainee teachers. Topics include behaviour management, how children learn, meeting children's learning needs, safeguarding, assessment, etc. These sessions are regularly led by practising teachers from partner schools.

CURRICULUM GROUPS

In your curriculum group you will learn about teaching your specialist subject. These sessions are also regularly led by teaching colleagues from partner schools, and may take place in schools. Course tutors are experienced teachers and experts in their fields.

PLACEMENTS

All the work at the University is complementary to and integrated with the work undertaken in two placement schools. School Direct placements are organised as follows:

Alliance/Lead School	Placement arrangements
County Upper School Thorpe St Andrew	We aim to place you within the lead school's cluster for at least one of your placements, but you may be placed in the wider UEA partnership of schools
Hartismere High School Hellesdon High School Kesgrave High School Litcham School	You will usually be placed within the lead school's cluster in placement B
Inspiration Trust	You will usually have both placements within the Inspiration Trust cluster
Ormiston Venture Academy	You will usually have both placements within the Ignite cluster

Hence you may know at an early stage where your placements will be located. You may also have the opportunity to develop an early relationship with your School Direct school by completing observations there early in the autumn term.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are required to apply via the [UCAS Teacher Training](#). This is the central "clearing house" which deals with all applications for PGCE courses across the country.

If you have any queries, please contact edu.pgce.admiss@uea.ac.uk or the relevant lead school.

We look forward to receiving your application.