

## Programme Specification

PGCE Primary

GFPXXPGCE

For students entering in 2021/22

**This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	PGCE Primary - 10 months
Accreditation	Department for Education
Programme Start Dates	September

### Programme information and content

The aim is to equip well-qualified graduates with the professional skills necessary to become committed, effective, reflective newly qualified teachers who can respond flexibly to changing circumstances, maintain and enhance educational standards in primary schools and continue to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding throughout their professional lives.

The programme will furnish candidates with the knowledge, skills and understanding to plan, deliver and evaluate lessons that meet Early Years Foundation Stage guidance, the National Curriculum and assessment requirements, monitor pupils' achievements and understand how to help each individual child reach their potential.

### Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

#### Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
ED3PGG	Guided teaching PGPrimary	40	6
ED3PGI	Independent teaching PGPrimary	60	6
ED3PGPP	PGCE Primary Portfolio – learning and teaching the curriculum	0	6
ED3PGST	Shared teaching PGPrimary	20	6
EDMPLS	Leadership	20	M
EDMPPS	Professional Studies: the Reflective Practitioner	40	M

#### Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme is studied on a full-time basis. Part-time study arrangements may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

### **Additional costs of the programme**

Travel, accommodation and subsistence: students cover the cost of transport to and from the placement school for three placement blocks

The estimates were calculated in 2020.

### **Optional modules**

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

### **Placement opportunities**

This programme offers substantial experience in at least two schools, over two key stages.

### **Study abroad opportunities**

N/A

### **Teaching and learning delivery**

University based teaching includes lectures, tutor and student led seminars and workshops and feedback on individual and group research and presentation. Teaching in Partnership schools includes observations and feedback, in-service sessions and working collaboratively.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is – 1800 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

### **Accreditation details**

The Department for Education awards the QTS part of the qualification following recommendation from the university. The PGCE (with QTS/non-QTS), PGCE (Reflective Practice) and ProfCert are awarded by the University of Reading.

### **Assessment**

Assessment of University based assessment tasks will involve meeting the stated criteria for each task. Assessment of school-based work will include feedback on practical teaching and assessment against the Teachers' Standards.

## **Progression**

Students are required to pass both (spring and summer placements) in order to pass the programme. Students failing the spring placement module will not progress to the summer placement module; instead they will resit during the next placement opportunity and normally undertake their summer placement module during the Autumn term in the next academic year. Students failing the summer placement module will resit during the next placement opportunity, normally during the Autumn term in the next academic year, unless failure in other modules will preclude the achievement of any further award.

Students failing the Autumn placement module will normally be required to suspend the programme until the following Autumn

Students are required to present evidence at the level expected of a trainee at that point in the training programme in both the Spring and Summer placement modules in order to pass the programme (unless there are exceptional or extenuating circumstances). To enable students to gain evidence towards the Teachers' Standards for the end of the programme they will be offered appropriate experiences, normally the opportunity to assume the role of the class teacher for percentage of the timetable for a defined period (as specified in the relevant placement handbooks). Should concerns be raised from the school or the University around children's academic progress or wellbeing, as a consequence of the student's timetabled teaching, then the student's timetable will be reconsidered and additional support will be put in place, normally a reduction in the percentage of required teaching. In this case, it is unlikely that the student will be able to gain the evidence required to pass the placement, unless they are able to show improvement and assume full requirements.

## **Classification**

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

### **Mark Interpretation**

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

### **Failing categories:**

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

*For Postgraduate Certificate in Education (with QTS)*

Students qualifying for this award will be recommended for QTS to the DfE.

To qualify for **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (with QTS)**, students must

- i. gain an overall average mark of 50 or more over the 60 level 7 credits; and
- ii. have no mark in the level 7 modules below 40;

and to be recommended for QTS students must:

- i. and pass all level 6 modules

To qualify for **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (non-QTS)**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average mark of 50 or more over the 60 level 7 credits; and
- (ii) have no mark in the level 7 modules below 40;

*For Professional Graduate Certificate in Education*

Students qualifying for this award will be recommended for QTS to the DfE.

To qualify for **Professional Graduate Certificate in Education**, students must

- i. pass all level 6 modules

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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