

Postgraduate Certificate in Primary English (PG Cert Primary English)



Enhance the learning of English: working with teachers

The Postgraduate Certificate in Primary English is an innovative and flexible course that caters to the needs of teachers in primary schools and to the development needs of the schools that they work in. The programme comprises of two modules that must be studied successively.

This programme is designed for professionals who want to extend their knowledge, skills and understanding of teaching primary English. It consists of two modules 'Developing Primary English' and 'Leading Primary English'. The first of these focusses on individual class room practice, the second on leading the subject at school level. Within each the focus is on developing concrete strategies grounded in an understanding of theory and research in this area.

The course is taught through a series of lectures, seminars and workshops with additional small group and individual tutorials being provided for all students. These are held on two residential weekends during the academic year. Students are also given continual online support throughout the year.

Teaching ranges from lecture style sessions to workshops and small groups. This enables students to engage in discussion and debate. In addition to the main programme, students will have opportunities to attend research

seminars, day courses and other activities hosted by the School of Education.

All modules are taught by members of the University's academic staff, all of whom are active as researchers and involved in publications and continuing professional development. They are all acknowledged experts in their field; several have national and international reputations for their research and publications.

The course also makes use of visiting lecturers from other academic institutions from within the UK and further afield. The underpinning delivery principle of our teaching is that we seek to demonstrate the ongoing links between theory and practice.

What can students benefit from?

Teachers who complete this certificate will find that they are several steps along the journey towards gaining an MA in Education.

Students can also benefit from:

- Residential weekends
- Continual online support
- Shared enquiry with fellow teachers
- Both modules carry 30 Master's level credits
- Assessment tasks based on linking your own classroom with theory and research

Who can apply?

This postgraduate course requires participants to hold an undergraduate degree and be a practising teacher in a primary setting.

"This course will build the capacity of teachers to teach English in a creative yet rigorous way."
Anne Byrne, Headteacher.

Assessment method

Two written tasks in each module based on linking classroom experience in the candidate's own school with theory and research.

