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 the 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, webinars 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 researchers, involved in publication and continuing professional development. They are all acknowledged experts in their field; several have national and international reputations for their research and publications.

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.
* Residential weekends
* Continual online support
* Networking opportunities with colleagues

* 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.

"I am researching areas of English pedagogy that not only interest me, but ones that are also beneficial to my setting" Sarah Harris, Primary School teacher Northampton

Assessment method

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

Self Service Application Guide

How do I apply?
- Please go to the link https://selfservice.northampton.ac.uk/applyonline/ and click on the **Apply for a course.** This will take you to the following screen

- Select the correct academic year-please note, an academic year runs from Sept – August (e.g. June 2012 would come under academic year 11/12, whereas September 2012 would come under academic year 12/13)
- Type the course title into keywords and search e.g. **Learning** for the "Foundation Degree in **Learning** & Teaching"
- Select your course
- Select the cohort you wish to join from the options listed on the left hand side, i.e. June start. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click **Apply**.
- Click on **Proceed**.

You will then be asked to fill out the following :
(Once complete please click on **Next and Save** in every section.)

- **Your Personal details.**
- **Your Student status** (e.g. You are likely to have Home status if you are a UK National living in the UK. If you are an overseas national living outside the UK you will be overseas)
- **Your Address details**. There is an option to add a term time address if it is different to your permanent address.
- **Your Next of Kin**
- **Your Previous Education**. Please list **all** the educational institutions (i.e. schools and universities) you have attended along with the dates. Click **Add Institution** and the information will appear in the white box at the bottom of the screen. You will then be able to add another institution

- **Your Qualifications.** Please use this section to enter any qualifications you have achieved or that are pending. Simply type in the-
    - qualification subject and level e.g. Maths (subject) GCSE (level) ,
    - enter who the qualification was awarded by
    - type in the grade achieved, or type pending
    - Click **Add Qualification** to add to your list.

Please follow this process to list of all your qualifications

- **Your current Employment details**. Click **Add Employer** and the information will appear in the white box at the bottom of the screen.
- **Your referee details**

- **Uploading files** - You can use this section to upload personal statements, qualifications and personal ID such as professional PIN Numbers

- o To upload, click **Browse** to find the relevant file on your computer, and then
- o Select the document type by clicking in the relevant Select box
- o Upload the document by clicking the **Upload** button.

Complete this process for each of the required documents.

- **Your fees**. You will then be asked to indicate who is paying your fees.
- **Declaration.** You will be asked to confirm that you have read and understood the University's **Terms and Conditions.** Please read them carefully and then check the box.

- You will then be presented with the Confirmation screen. Here you will be able to review all the details you have submitted. Once you feel happy with the information provided click **Submit Applications.**

Please note: If there are details missing from your application this will affect the speed we are able to process your application.