



Train to Teach with ConnectEd Partnership through our School Direct Programme 2020/21

School Direct is a school-led initial teacher training (ITT) programme; it provides an opportunity for schools to directly influence the way in which ITT is delivered and ensure the best potential teachers are recruited to the profession. It gives schools much greater control and influence over teacher training and allows schools to recruit and train teachers to best meet their needs locally. The school direct programme offers trainees a fantastic opportunity to learn from the best teachers whilst also being supported academically by university staff.

ConnectEd Partnership's work in close partnership with Birmingham City University to offer the best possible teacher training experience. We specialise in supporting primary and special school teacher trainees and our strong partnership represents a mixture of all phase, academy, free and maintained schools. Through the training year we make full use of the strengths of our partnership schools and offer trainees access to a wide range of experiences across a number of partner schools.

The School Direct Routes and Award

In partnership with Birmingham City University (BCU), ConnectEd Partnership offers the following two programmes:

▷ School Direct Tuition Programme

This route is funded by tuition fees paid by the trainee.

▷ School Direct Salaried Programme

This route is employment based where trainees who have at least 3 years' work experience (preferably in a school) are employed as unqualified teachers by a school. Trainees on this route do not have to pay tuition fees. This is paid by the lead school to BCU. Providing they meet the entry requirements, this is an ideal route for graduates already employed as teaching assistants or unqualified teachers who are aspiring to become qualified teachers.

Both routes will lead to a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Primary with Qualified Teaching Status (QTS) with 60 Master's credits.

This one-year School Direct postgraduate course will prepare you to take your place in primary schools as generalist teachers in Key Stage 1 and 2 (age range 5-11 years) or Early Years and Key Stage 1 (age range 3-7 years).

Programme Overview

Up to **80** days faculty-based training (face to face or directed study)

Up to **120** days school-based training and experience (practising and school staff led)

Core Curriculum

Focus on English, mathematics and science plus generic areas such as planning, assessment and e-learning.

Foundation Curriculum

Focus on non-core areas of the Primary Curriculum and RE.

Professional Studies and Leadership

Focus on non-core areas of the Primary Curriculum and RE.

School Based Training

Focus is on the assessed teaching practice elements and key employability skills.

Entry requirements

- **Degree or equivalent** - All applicants must hold a first degree with a minimum of 2.2 classification or equivalent.
- **GCSEs** - GCSE English, Maths and Science - grade C or above or their equivalent on enrolment
- **Other Entry Requirements** - All candidates are required to have passed the literacy and numeracy professional skills tests within 8 weeks of being offered a place. BCU offers support for the skills tests.

School Experience

The School Direct Training Programme focusses on developing teaching skills. You should have a strong understanding of the subject you wish to teach before you start training. Meaningful experience of working across the primary key stages, or undertaking placement or purposeful voluntary experience in a school setting is essential for those applying for School Direct (training) places. School Direct (salaried) students must have 3 years or more work experience, ideally in a school across the primary key stages.

How to Apply for ConnectEd Partnership's School Direct Programmes

The application process is through a single central UCAS application:

<http://www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training>

Use the following search criteria to find our programmes:

Training Provider Name: ConnectEd Partnership, Broadmeadow Special School

Training Provider Code: 27U

Tuition Route Programme Code: 2QSL

Salaried Route Programme Code: 2QSR

For more information please see our website: www.connectedpartnership.com, alternatively you can contact our Teaching School Coordinator on the information below:

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