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# Train to be a primary school teacher

with our Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA)



## PGTA AT A GLANCE

Course Duration: up to 15 months

- ✓ Choose from two routes:
  - General Primary 3-7 or 5-11
  - SEND Specialism 3-7 or 5-11
- ✓ Full pay on unqualified teacher pay scale
- ✓ No fee for student teachers
- ★ Awards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

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## Introduction to Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA) – General Primary and SEND Specialism

Student teachers choose to specialise in either **Early Years (including KS1)** or **Key Stages 1 & 2**. Both options award **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)**, allowing graduates to teach across the primary age range.

Specialism	School Setting	Age Group Options	Experiences	Duration
<b>General Primary</b>	Mainstream primary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-7 years (Early Years &amp; Key Stage 1)</li> <li>5-11 years (Key Stages 1 &amp; 2)</li> </ul>	Two school-based experiences: employed school and a 6-week placement	Full-time, up to 15 months
<b>SEND Specialism</b>	Employed in a SEND school, 6-week placement in mainstream school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum Stages 3-7 years (Early Years &amp; Key Stage 1)</li> <li>Curriculum Stages 5-11 years (Key Stages 1 &amp; 2)</li> </ul>	Two school-based experiences: SEND school and a mainstream placement	Full-time, up to 15 months

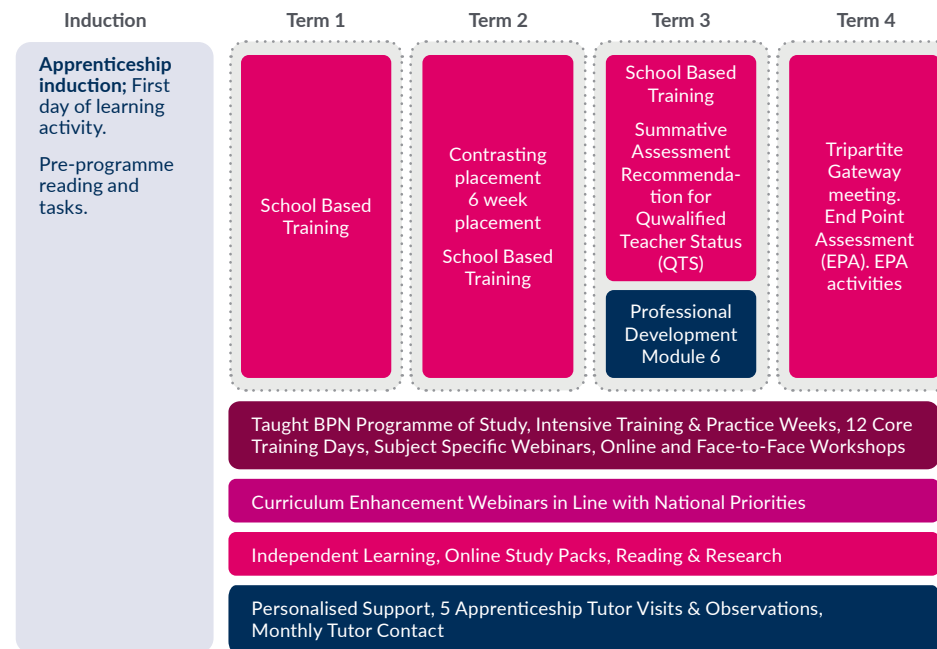
Our ITT programmes are equivalent to a Level 6, therefore, there is no PGCE element to complete. A PGCE is not required to teach in schools in England which is why it is not a compulsory part of our teacher training.

## What are the benefits?

- **Placement experience:** benefit from professional learning and teaching practice in our partner placement schools
- **Learning applied in practice:** develop skills and techniques which can be immediately applied in your placement or employment setting
- **Fully supported:** receive the support of a BPN tutor and in-school mentor and get help from our wellbeing and programme teams
- **Sequenced curriculum:** a curriculum deliberately structured to build on the previous term's learning. Your classroom practice will improve as your knowledge builds
- **Research-informed:** access the latest research and evidence-based practice to inform your own teaching and learning
- **National cohort:** join a network of like-minded individuals across the country



## Programme overview



## Eligibility

To enrol on the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree, or equivalent with a 2:2 or above
- GCSE grade 4/C or above in English, maths and science, or the recognised equivalent
- Need to have been in the UK for the past 3 years
- School experience is not an entry requirement, however we strongly recommend this as a way of helping to confirm your chosen career

We envision our student teachers gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with us before going on to complete Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme to build a solid foundational understanding of pedagogy and teaching best practice.

As they progress in their careers, they might choose to specialise in a specific area of teaching and complete one of our **Specialist NPQs**. Should they develop ambitions to join their school SLT or become a headteacher then we could support them with a **Leadership NPQ**.

This end-to-end career support for teachers is known as the Golden Thread and Best Practice Network is thrilled to be one of the first providers to be approved by the Department for Education to offer this whole broad suite of training.

## Upskill current staff members?

### Why?

- ✓ Improve Staff retention rates
- ✓ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✓ There is no cost to learner/staff member
- ✓ Helps build quality provision/ futureproof workforce

### Who?

- ✓ Teaching Assistants
- ✓ HLTAs
- ✓ LSAs

## Recruit new staff members?

### Why?

- ✓ Support from BPN with recruitment
- ✓ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✓ There is no cost to learner/staff member
- ✓ Helps build quality provision/ futureproof workforce

### Who?

- ✓ Anybody who meets the eligibility criteria and passes the full interview and enrolment process.



## Funding routes

### Levy funding

#### If your setting contributes to the apprenticeship levy fund

Levy paying employers can access their fund contributions through their **Apprenticeship Service Account**. You can use this service to manage the funds you have available for apprenticeship training in England.

### Co-investment

#### If your setting does not contribute to the apprenticeship levy fund

You pay 5% towards the cost of the training for your apprentice. The remaining 95% will be paid by the government.

### Levy transfer

#### Apprenticeship levy transfer

Employers with unspent funds can **transfer up to 25%** of that contribution to another employer. That means you can benefit from the levy contributions of a different organisation to cover the full costs of an apprenticeship for your setting.

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