

Frequently Asked Questions

Before attending a SCITT information event it is helpful to read through these Questions & check out these links

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options/school-led-training/scitt>

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/dispelling-myths-about-school-led-teacher-training>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/apply-and-track/frequently-asked-questions>

What is a SCITT?

SCITTs provide practical, hands-on teacher training, delivered by experienced, and practising teachers based in their own school or a school in their network. 'SCITT' is a type of school-led course, similar to the non-salaried School Direct option. Training as part of a SCITT gives you the opportunity to learn 'on the job'. You will benefit from working and learning every day in a school and getting an immediate insight into what teaching involves. School-led routes into teaching have been around for many years, and have very high rates of trainee satisfaction. Last year a third of postgraduate teacher training places were school-led; for 2015/16 it will be over half.

What qualifications do I need?

- academic requirements – qualifications, courses, skills tests

Ideally a 2:2 degree or better in or closely related to the target subject (At least 50% coverage of the subject area demonstrated through the degree transcript). Overseas degrees will need to undergo a NARRIC conversion to prove they are equivalent to a UK bachelors Honours degree. It is helpful to have done this before you apply (provide link)

GCSE Maths and English or level 2 equivalence at C or above (Also GCSE science for scientists)

Successful completion of the Maths and English Skill tests prior to the start of the programme

A successful enhanced DBS check

A Fit to Teach occupational Health Assessment

- non-academic requirements – classroom experience or medical fitness

A minimum of 10 days of relevant secondary school experience

If you are an overseas student you must hold a suitable in date Visa that proves you are eligible to stay in the country for the duration of your studies

Do I need a DBS check to begin teacher training?

If you are offered a place, you are responsible for ensuring that you have an enhanced DBS check which is suitable for the child workforce. As a provider we will support you in obtaining this but there will be a cost to you for this.

Will I be 'thrown in at the deep end'?

You'll receive lots of intensive support and training from experienced teachers and mentors right from the start, and throughout your course. The school you're with won't ask you to teach classes unsupported until they think you're ready.

What subjects do you offer training in?

ENGLISH

MATHEMATICS

GEOGRAPHY

HISTORY

MODERN LANGUAGES (French/Spanish)

PE

D & T

COMPUTER SCIENCE

CHEMISTRY

PHYSICS

BIOLOGY

What qualifications will I receive?

Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

Successful completion of the Leicestershire Secondary SCITT programme will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Secondary; the first National Professional Qualification in the professional framework of standards and qualifications for teachers. Trainee's work in the University and written coursework will also contribute to their progress in respect of the Standards and for successful completion of the PGCE and Masters units.

What placement schools do you use?

A wide range of local primary, secondary, post 16 and special schools in Leicester & Leicestershire. All of the schools and/or departments we use as placement schools are rated as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted. We are sensitive to trainee's location, transport and family commitments when arranging placements.

How successful are our trainees in securing employment?

In 2015 97% of our SCITT trainees gained employment, 100% of those seeking employment in teaching were successful. 70% of our trainees were recruited to local schools. This is above the national average.

What is your current retention rate?

94% which is above the national level

How can I get the necessary school experience?

You can approach schools yourself or we can help, check out the link to our Teacher Taster week here <http://letslearn.org.uk/itt/teacherTaster.php>. In addition to this you can also find information on the 'Get Into Teaching' website through their School Experience Portal [here](#).

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/school-experience>

How many days will I be in school?

The course is full time for one year (Sept – July). You will be in school (on average) four days a week, with the fifth as your core learning day at the SCITT base. You will have 2 main teaching placements and 3 smaller ones in a range of schools (including 1 week placements in Primary, Post 16 and Special schools) totalling 30 of the 38 week programme.

What funding is available for me to train?

You can find all the information you need about bursaries and student loans at <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding>

When should I apply for a tuition fee loan and/or maintenance grant?

You should apply as soon as you receive your conditional offer letter. It can take many weeks for the loans to come through! Be sure to bring your payment schedule to registration, so that we can confirm your attendance and release your loan.

How do I apply?

Access the UCAS portal at <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training> for more information.

Who should I ask to be my references?

We recommend 1 reference is an academic referee (providing you trained within the last 5 years) and 1 is a previous/current employer or someone who can talk about your suitability to work in an educational setting with Secondary aged children.

Where can I find out more information about the SCITT?

<http://www.leicestershiresecondaryscitt.org/>

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