Postgraduate Certificate In Education (PGCE)

Postgraduate Teacher Training in the UK 2013

University College Cork

Website: www.train2teach.org

How long does a PGCE take?

- One year full-time: September – June
- Up to two years part-time
- Alternatively, you can follow the Graduated Training (GTP) or School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme for graduates. Soon to be renamed “The Schools Direct Programme”

You will need:

- Good honours degree (minimum 2:2)
- GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or equivalent e.g. Leaving Cert Grade C (Ordinary Level)
- For Primary Teaching a Science Subject is also required
- Demonstrate an interest in teaching
- Competence in ICT
- School Experience - at least 10 days experience for primary and 5 days for secondary teaching (some universities will require you to undertake school experience in the UK)

QTS Skills Tests

- New for 2013
- Key skills which teachers will need to undertake their wider role as teachers.
- Tests student competency in numeracy and literacy.
- Regardless of specialism.
- Usually applicants are required to pass test prior to Interview.
- Tests are computerized, 150 centers across UK.
- Edge Hill University has its own test centre on site – one of only 2 universities in the UK to have this facility.

How do I Apply?

- Visit the GTTR website: www.gttr.ac.uk
- Complete online application form.
- Deadline for Primary Applications: 1st December 2011.
- No Secondary deadline - depends on subject and university applied to. Some Secondary courses fill-up quickly.
The Application Process

• Apply online
• References
• Acknowledged by GTTR
• Application sent to 1st choice university
• Decision to interview or not
• If yes may lead to offer of place

The Application Process Cont..

• If no, application released to second choice
• Offers are made via the GTTR
• Criminal Record Check / Medical Clearance
• Certificates / proof of qualifications
• Track your application online

Personal Statement

• Describe briefly your reasons for wanting to become a teacher
• Previous school experience e.g. work placement in school (not necessarily teaching), games coaching, one to one tuition, voluntary work etc
• Good Subject Knowledge
• Realistic expectations
• Awareness of current trends in education

The Interview

• Usually half day event
• Possible Tasks
  – Numeracy
  – Literacy
  – Presentation
• Subject knowledge check
• Individual Interview
  - Commitment to teaching
  - Subject Knowledge
  - Evidence of your school experience

Popular Universities for Irish Students

Edge Hill University, Ormskirk, Liverpool
www.edgehill.ac.uk
Close to Liverpool and Manchester Airports

Money, Money, Money

• Tuition Fees – Currently (2012 entry) £9,000
  2013 - likely to be the same.
• Student loans available for EU Students
  www.slc.co.uk
• Education & Library Board Grants, University Hardship Grants (means tested)
  See also: www.tda.gov.uk
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Will I receive funding whilst I train? Possibly
(but not offered in Scotland, Wales or N. Ireland)

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Primary & other Secondary Specialisms

Art & Design
Economics
English
Geography
ICT
Classics
Biology
Design & Technology

Subjects which don’t attract a Bursary

General Science
Business Studies
Citizenship
Applied Science
Health & Social Care

Media Studies
Psychology
Social Sciences
Leisure & Tourism

Edge Hill University, Liverpool

www.edgehill.ac.uk

- 35 mins from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, 25 mins to city centre
- Second Largest provider of teacher training
- Largest provider of Secondary Teaching in the country
- Excellent reputation across the country for our graduates

About us

Edge Hill University

- Voted ‘Best in the North West’ for
- ITT by the National Student Survey
- 92.5% of our PGCE graduates
- securing employment as teachers
- in 6 months
- Close partnerships with over 3,000
- Schools, colleges, LA’s and professional bodies

Postgraduate Teacher Training

PGCE Interview Sessions

- Galway – 14th November
- Cork – 26th November
- Limerick – 27th November
- Dublin – 28th November
- Belfast – 29th November
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