

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (PGCE)





# Studying at the University of Chichester

Our Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) degrees are well-established and rigorous initial teacher training programmes. The one-year, full-time certificate is designed to train you to teach in either early years, primary or secondary school. The course runs from September to July and you'll spend the majority of this time (at least 24 weeks) on placement in schools.



# Our courses

## PGCE PRIMARY (5-11)

- UCAS Code: X100 C58
- Location: Bognor Regis Campus and Partnership Schools

This course prepares you to teach ages 5 to 11. You will focus on teaching and learning across the curriculum in primary schools in order to become a confident and inspiring teacher.

At University you will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required to plan and manage creative and effective lessons while ensuring that pupils of all abilities are motivated to learn. Topics will include lesson planning, teaching strategies, assessment methods, behaviour management and other important aspects of teaching. A particular focus will be on issues of inclusion, equality and diversity and we will develop your ability to apply your knowledge and understanding in the classroom. You will have sessions focusing on each of the primary curriculum subjects.

For the majority of the course, you will be on placement based in our partnership schools. You will spend time on long placements in both Key Stage One (ages 5-7) and Key Stage Two (ages 7-11) with additional, shorter placements in a Special School and outside your age-range.

You will also complete a portfolio assignment that will develop your knowledge of the research evidence about effective teaching and how this can be applied in the classroom. The programme is delivered and assessed at Masters level, and trainees graduate with 60 Masters level credits that can be carried forward to a Masters degree in Education.

## PGCE PRIMARY (5-11): MODERN LANGUAGES

- UCAS Code: XRC9 C58
- Location: Bognor Regis Campus and Partnership Schools

This course also prepares you to teach all subjects at ages 5-11 but includes sessions for you to specialise in teaching a foreign language. As part of the Primary Modern Languages PGCE, you have the option of spending part of your placements abroad (in Belgium for French speakers or Tenerife for Spanish speakers).

In addition to the PGCE Primary content described above, you will also develop an in-depth understanding of the role of the Modern Languages teacher. You will reflect on the way in which children learn foreign languages and develop your understanding of the role of the Modern Languages coordinator.

## PGCE (3-7) EARLY YEARS

- UCAS Code: 3DHN C58
- Location: Bognor Regis Campus and Partnership Schools

The Early Years route prepares you to teach children aged 3-7. This course is taught in parallel with the Primary PGCE and you will have many of the same sessions. In addition, you will focus on teaching and learning in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 and the course will prepare you to take up a teaching position in either nurseries or schools.

You will develop an in-depth understanding of the role of the Early Years teacher and reflect on the way in which children learn and develop. You will gain a critical knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and of good practice in Early Years. You will spend time on long placements in both Key Stage 1 (ages 5-7) and Reception (ages 4-5) with additional, shorter placements in a Special School.

## PGCE SECONDARY

- UCAS Code: Various depending on your chosen subject
- Location: Bognor Regis Campus or Chichester Campus depending on your chosen subject and Partnership Schools

The PGCE secondary programme is for graduates who wish to train to teach a chosen subject to pupils aged 11-16, with the option of training to teach A level. Subjects offered are:

- Dance UCAS Code: 3D2X
- English UCAS Code: Q3X1
- History UCAS Code: V1X1
- Mathematics UCAS Code: G1X1
- Music UCAS Code: 3CM7
- Modern Languages (MFL) UCAS Code: French with Spanish (2TWP), Spanish with French (2TRC), French with German (2TRG), German with Spanish (2TRD)
- Physical Education UCAS Code: X9C6
- Science UCAS Code: Biology (2C42), Chemistry (2C43), Physics (F3X2)

Teaching pupils in this age range is one of the most rewarding things that you can do. Every day that you spend in the classroom will have an impact on the lives of others, as we can all testify by remembering the impact that inspirational teachers had on us in school.

Trainees at Chichester receive a high level of individual attention, and the level of support is second to none. At the core of the programme are the Professional Studies modules, in which you will be working with student teachers from other subjects gaining a deeper understanding of the wider role of the teacher, including as members of whole-school and professional communities.

Three quarters of the course is spent in school, with your time divided mainly between two school placements. Great care is taken to place you in a school that will support you well and prepare you thoroughly for a career in teaching. The programme is delivered and assessed at Masters level, and trainees graduate with 60 Masters level credits that can be carried forward to a Masters degree in Education.

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# Partnerships and placements

Studying and learning at the University of Chichester means access to excellent resources and that essential experience teaching in contrasting schools. The University works with hundreds of partnership schools and organisations covering a wide area including: West Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, East Sussex and the Surrey border. These partners are based in rural and urban settings and cover a varied range of school types.

As a trainee teacher, this mix of settings will help you to develop those all-round pedagogical skills required to confidently start a career in teaching.

To ensure your time in school is well supported we provide mentor training for teachers in our partnership schools. This is strengthened by our experienced teaching team, many of whom are researchers with nationally and internationally recognised published works. The close relationship we have with our schools means we are both working for the same goal – passionate and resilient teachers who inspire children through their love of learning.



## STUDENT VIEW

*Studying a PGCE suited me because, although it is very full on from the beginning, it allows you to be yourself and use your own creativity to develop your teaching style. It teaches you about the key points in the curriculum as well as the non-academic important parts of being an effective teacher. It encourages individuality and is very open to new ideas whilst maintaining a high expectation of work and effort from all people no matter where you came from. It challenged me and showed me what I would need to improve to be a great teacher.*

Sian, PGCE Primary