TRAIN TO BE A TEACHER WITH THE VERY BEST IN BRITAIN

Graduates! Train to teach in England - use your qualification around the world.

When you train to teach languages or physics the UK government will pay you up to £38,000 (around €43.3K*) to study and relocate to England. In one year, you’ll earn a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) which is a top quality, internationally recognised, professional qualification.

TRAVEL, LEARN AND EARN

Reasons to train to teach at the University of Worcester:

▪ **Perfect your English and open employment opportunities worldwide.** Achieve fluency in English by studying in a professional context and gain an internationally recognised qualification that allows you to teach in the UK and around the world.

▪ **Earn a professional qualification in one year.** The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a highly valued teaching qualification, which you’ll be able to complete in less than a year.

▪ **Study with the best.** In 2023 the University of Worcester was rated Outstanding by Ofsted (the UK’s Office for Standards in Education). This is the highest possible grade for teacher education.

▪ **Get value for money.** The course fee at Worcester is £17,400 if you receive a bursary. This is less than you’ll pay at many UK universities.

▪ **Apply for paid teaching jobs** as soon as you successfully complete your training and earn at least £30,000 (or more in London). Update, extend or switch your visa to live and work in the UK long-term.

▪ **Live in a beautiful city.** University of Worcester is a campus based university in a beautiful Cathedral City. Located in central England, Worcester is just two hours from London by road or rail.

▪ **Compostela guarantee.** As a qualified applicant from the Compostela Group of universities you’ll be guaranteed an interview for the course and guaranteed a place in University accommodation if you are successful.

“Trainees benefit from an exceptional learning experience at the University of Worcester”

Official Independent Inspection Report in 2023 (Ofsted)

GET PAID TO TRAIN

There are generous relocation payments and bursaries available for courses starting in September 2024.

£25K bursary when you train to teach languages

A bursary is a tax-free amount of money you receive to allow you to study. You do not need to pay it back. The UK government currently offer a languages bursary of £25,000 (around €28.7K).

You would be eligible for this if you studied the Modern Languages PGCE Secondary at the University of Worcester. Modern Languages includes Spanish, French and combinations with German.

£28K bursary when you train to teach physics

The UK government currently offer a physics bursary of £28,000 (around €32.1K). You would be eligible for this if you studied the Physics PGCE Secondary at the University of Worcester.

£10K plus relocation payment

The UK government recently introduced an international relocation payment of £10,000 (around €11.4K) for people outside the UK training to teach languages or physics. The payment, which will not need to be repaid, is designed to cover the costs of moving to a new country.

Find out more about funding and fees at www.worcester.ac.uk/train-to-teach-uk and getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/non-uk-teachers

* Accurate as of November 2023. See xe.com for latest exchange rates.
LIVING AND STUDYING IN WORCESTER

One of the UK’s largest and best teacher training institutions

Worcester is one of the UK’s largest teacher training institutions and is in the top five UK universities for Quality Education according to the 2021 Times Higher Education’s global University Impact Rankings. In March 2023, it was awarded Outstanding, the highest possible grade by Ofsted (the UK’s Office for Standards in Education). The inspectors stated that the University creates "a learning community that places children at the heart of everyone’s endeavours".

An historic city with a central location

Worcester is a beautiful, historic Cathedral and University City. With a population of 90,000, it offers all the benefits of a big city combined with the community spirit and cost of living advantages of a smaller town. Located in one of the most attractive parts of England, it is surrounded by rolling countryside and is close to Shakespeare’s birthplace in Stratford upon Avon. Birmingham and its international airport is easily accessible with a direct train link and London is only 2 hours away by road or rail.

Guaranteed accommodation

Worcester has an excellent range of high-quality, on-campus accommodation. Places are guaranteed for all successful Language and Physics PGCE applicants.
THE COURSE

An academic and highly practical qualification

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is the most common academic qualification for teachers in the UK – it’s also an internationally recognised qualification that opens up worldwide employment opportunities.

At Worcester, this year long teacher training course mixes educational theory and research, with practical skills sessions and lots of classroom experience.

What does a PGCE involve?

The PGCE is a one-year course that starts with an academic focus, covering teaching and learning theory, managing classroom behaviour and current educational issues. After the first few weeks you’ll spend up to two thirds of your time on placement in schools. Your placements will help you to explore theory in practice and prepare you for life as a teacher.

You will also work towards meeting the professional standards, which determine recommendation for qualified teacher status.

Where will my training take place?

You will study at the University’s campus in Worcester. All teacher training also involves extended placements in at least 2 schools. Your placements will be arranged for you and there is assistance available to help you with transportation to your placements.

Apply for your first teaching job

When you have qualified teacher status, you will be able to apply for paid teaching jobs in all schools in England. Many schools will accept applications from trainees who will soon complete their training and gain qualified teacher status, as well as those who have finished their training. For international students who successfully complete their course on a Student visa, you may be eligible to apply for the Graduate Route, which will permit you to work in the UK for up to 2 years. The PGCE is also a widely recognised route into teaching in many other countries.

University of Worcester

University of Worcester Campus; library and onsite accommodation
MAKING AN APPLICATION

Entry qualifications

To train to teach in England you will need:

▪ a university degree (UK or non-UK)
▪ a standard equivalent to a level 4 in GCSE Mathematics and English Language
▪ A good level of English, at least IELTS 6.5 or equivalent
▪ an immigration status which allows you to train to teach in the UK

You can apply for the languages course and bursary with a degree in any subject provided it is taught in Spanish.

You can apply for the physics course and bursary with a degree in Physics and Maths, providing physics forms at least 50% of the course content.

For more detailed guidance on entry requirements, please visit www.worcester.ac.uk/train-to-teach-uk

Guaranteed interview for applicants from Compostela Group universities

Securing a place on PGCE courses can be very competitive. The University of Worcester, the only UK member of the Compostela Group, guarantees an interview to all qualified applicants (who meet the entry requirements) from universities who belong to the Group.¹

Securing your funding

You do not need to apply for a bursary – it will automatically be awarded to you by the University if you are eligible.

For detailed information on eligibility and applying for the relocation payment visit the UK government web page on fees and financial support for non-UK trainee teachers: getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/non-uk-teachers

Apply for your visa

If you have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), or indefinite leave to remain, you will not need a visa to train to teach in the UK. If you are an international student living overseas, you will be able to apply for a Student visa to study this course in the UK.

If you are currently studying in the UK on a student visa, you may be able to apply for a graduate visa. If you’re not sure about your immigration status, we can help. Email us on international@worc.ac.uk.

Get free one-to-one support with your application

Talk to an experienced University lecturer with years of teaching experience about your training and funding options. Chat through phone or email, as little or as often as you need. Contact us on study@worc.ac.uk

FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more about the course visit our website at www.worcester.ac.uk/train-to-teach-uk or get in touch with us on study@worc.ac.uk

¹ The Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) is a global network of universities built around the values of the Camino de Santiago. It seeks to facilitate and to promote cooperation among universities and stakeholders involved in Higher Education. The University of Worcester is the only UK member of the Compostela Group. For a full list of organisations see https://web.gcompostela.org/