

Primary Education with QTS BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: X120 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2018/19

Work placement opportunities | International students can apply



Course Overview

Our Primary Education with Qualified Teaching Status (QTS) degree will give you the skills to engage, motivate and inspire young learners. The three-year degree will equip you with the depth of knowledge, skills and understanding required to become an outstanding and ambitious Primary Teacher. You will be given a range of opportunities to gain significant experience teaching in a wide range of our partner schools.

From your second year, you have the opportunity to specialise in a National Curriculum area, or choose from a school theme, for example Special Educational Needs or Early Years. Alongside Professional Placement Learning in schools, you will study three strands that run parallel throughout each year of the degree programme: Becoming a Hope Teacher, Curriculum Knowledge, and Professional Development.

At Hope, we aspire to enable teachers who are creative, proactive and reflective practitioners. As an ambitious Hope Teacher you will have moral purpose and an enthusiastic, innovative and collaborative approach to teaching and learning.

Entry Requirements

The standard offer level is between BBB-BBC from A levels or DDM-DMM from BTEC, or 120-112 UCAS tariff points. In addition, you will require a GCSE Grade C or above (or equivalent) in English, Mathematics and Science (Grade 4 or above in the new grading system). You must also have undertaken recent school experience in a primary school. Offers will be subject to a successful interview, as well as a Health Check Statement and an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service. Applicants must also undertake the government literacy and numeracy skills tests.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2018/19 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of tuition fees, you will also need approximately £200 for travelling to your placements. You also need approximately £200 for the purchasing of core textbooks. There is also a cost for the optional short placement abroad, costs vary depending on location and will be fully discussed with you beforehand.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls



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Year One

You are introduced to policy and practice in education, as well as factors that affect learning processes, including learners' social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic background.

Initial Professional Development allows you the opportunity to study the key theories of child development and predominant theories of learning in the twenty-first century.

You are introduced to key aspects of the National Curriculum subjects and the requirements of the Primary Curriculum.

Finally you will have a placement in one of our partner schools. You have approximately 10 school familiarisation days, a block placement of 6 weeks and an Early Years setting placement of one week.

Year Two

Your second year develops your knowledge base by studying factors that affect learning processes.

Initial Professional Development looks at effective learning environments and the evolution of formal and informal learning, as well as the role of planning and behaviour management.

Subject Knowledge, Curriculum and Pedagogy teaches you how to identify and plan to address children's misconceptions. You will also learn how to plan and assess progression, and short and medium term planning.

You can select from seven areas for your Enhanced Specialism Area.

Your choices are; English, Science, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Physical Education, Special Educational Needs/Disability or Early Years.

Finally you will have a placement in one of our partner schools. You have a 6 week block placement and one week placement induction, 1 week Special Educational Needs setting placement, and a 1 week behaviour management placement.

Year Three

Your final year teaches you the philosophies of education and the different notions/purposes of education.

You also look at the theoretical underpinning and associated national policy and guidelines of education. You also discover how to use data to inform planning, and current issues pertinent to initial and continuing professional development.

You gain an advanced understanding of how children develop their knowledge. You also study in-depth topics such as assessment, inclusion and PSHE. You explore innovative practice, including the use of ICT in the classroom, and you look at strategies for developing children's creative thinking.

Sticking with the specialism area you chose in your second year, you look at contemporary leadership and management aspects of the area in the primary setting, and the nature of educational enquiry.

Finally you will have a 10 week block placement in one of our partner schools.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, and seminars. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

As well as classroom-based study, you also spend time on placement in one of our partner schools. Your placements are organised first as groups, progressing onto paired placements and then acting as an individual in the classroom. In school, you will have the support of a dedicated school-based member of staff, while at University you will also have a professional placement tutor who will be on hand to support you.

On top of teaching hours you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

Work Placement Opportunities

Each year you will have at least one block of teaching placement. Each placement enables you to gain a broad experience teaching across the Primary age range.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study you will have a number of assessments, including formal written exams, essays, portfolios, poster presentations, a professional viva, and case studies.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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