

Secondary Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) Online Courses



Information for Applicants

The School of Education at Liverpool Hope University offers fully funded Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) courses to anyone with a conditional place on a PGCE Secondary Course.

SKE courses are designed to help potential Initial Teacher Training (ITT) trainees gain the depth of subject knowledge needed to train to teach their chosen subject prior to, or alongside, undertaking a teacher training programme.

**SKE courses are fully funded for those eligible for Department for Education (DfE) funding (see 'Fees & Bursaries' section).*



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Who are the SKE courses for?

SKE courses are designed for students due to embark on their Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme who need to strengthen their existing subject knowledge. They are particularly useful if your academic background omits aspects of your specialist subject at a level necessary for teaching it in secondary schools.

Subjects and course durations available at Liverpool Hope University:

Courses Available	8 Week	12 Week	16 Week	20 Week	24 Week	28 Week
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Languages	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- 8 week – Accelerated GCSE SKE - 200 hours of study
- 12 week – Enhanced GCSE SKE - 300 hours of study
- 16 week – Accelerated A Level SKE - 400 hours of study (A-Level only)
- 20 week – Enhanced A Level SKE - 500 hours of study (A-Level only)
- 24 week – Accelerated GCSE & A Level SKE - 600 hours of study
- 28 week – Enhanced GCSE & A Level SKE - 700 hours of study

Our SKE programmes are delivered fully online via a distance-learning platform.

Start Dates

If you have to complete an SKE as a condition of offer and would like to register onto one of our programmes, you can choose from one of the following start dates:

Full time (25 hours of learning per week)

- Wednesday 7th October
- Wednesday 4th November
- Wednesday 2nd December
- Wednesday 6th January
- Wednesday 3rd February
- Wednesday 3rd March (8, 12, 16, 20, 24 week only)
- Wednesday 7th April (8, 12, 16, 20 week only)
- Wednesday 5th May (8, 12, 16 week only)
- Wednesday 2nd June (12 and 8 week only)
- Thursday 1st July (8 week only)

Part Time (12.5 hours of learning per week)

- Wednesday 7th October (8, 12, 16, 20, 24 week only)
- Wednesday 4th November (8, 12, 16, 20 week only)
- Wednesday 2nd December (8, 12, 16 week only)
- Wednesday 6th January (8, 12, 16 week only)
- Wednesday 3rd February (8, 12 week only)
- Wednesday 3rd March (8 and 12 week only)
- Wednesday 7th April (8 week only)
- Wednesday 5th May (8 week only)

Entry requirements

Pre-ITT: You must have accepted a conditional offer of an ITT place where the conditions indicate an SKE course must be completed.

Applicants who have a degree in their chosen ITT subject awarded in the previous 5 years are not eligible to access SKE programmes.

Fees and Bursaries

For eligible pre-ITT applicants, these courses are fully funded by the Department for Education. We deal with the funding request directly from your application information.

Our pre-ITT SKE course will be funded for applicants who have accepted a conditional offer of a place on an Initial Teacher Training programme and who also have the completion of an SKE course as a requirement of their conditional offer. Evidence of the requirement to complete an SKE by the appropriate ITT provider will need to be provided as part of the application process.

Training bursaries are available for those who meet the Department for Education criteria for an SKE bursary. All students who enrol on an SKE course will be assessed against the criteria to determine their eligibility.

If an SKE programme runs in parallel with a full-time ITT course and the participant is eligible to receive an ITT bursary, students will only receive the ITT bursary.

Outcome

Upon successful completion of your SKE you will be awarded a Liverpool Hope University Certificate of Completion. This will be provided electronically and should be shared with your ITT provider as evidence that you have met your SKE Condition of Offer.

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