

## EARLY YEARS INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

### Early Years Teacher Status (0-5) Graduate Employment-based Route

### GUIDANCE NOTES & FAQs

#### Completing the application form

#### SECTION 2:

Please make sure you clearly understand the requirements of the route.

<b>Graduate Employment Based (GEB), part time, 12 months</b>	<b>Duration/ Attendance</b>	<b>Venue*</b>
<p>Suitable for graduates in paid employment for at least 16 hours a week, in an early years setting, who require training and further experience to demonstrate the Teachers' Standards (Early Years).</p> <p>They should have :</p> <p>either a relevant degree and at least a year's full time experience of working across most of the age range 0-5.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>a non- relevant degree and at least 2 year's full time experience of working across most of the age range 0-5.</p>	<p>12 months part time, October - July (max of 14 days attendance overall plus directed study work based activities/on - line sessions). Dates tbc.</p> <p>You will be required to undertake a 6 week placement in another early years setting, and 10 days in a key stage 1 setting.</p>	<p>Northampton.</p> <p>( may be delivered at additional venues in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire or Lincolnshire depending on numbers)</p>

*\*(please note that some venues may not be available if there is insufficient demand, however an alternative venue will then be offered)*

#### SECTION 3: Funding

The University of Northampton is allocated a number of funded places by The National College of Teaching and Leadership. The funded places are allocated to meet the strategic priorities of The National College of Teaching and Leadership.

#### **Graduate Employment Based route:**

This is funded by Government funding which covers the course fees and up to £7000 for the setting/employer to reimburse for cover costs and other expensed incurred to support a trainee.

Trainees must be in paid employment and working directly with the EYFS in one of the following eligible settings for a minimum of 16 hours per week, in addition to meeting the other entry requirements:

- Settings on the Early Years register (including child minders)

- Nursery schools
- Independent schools that deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (e.g. a nursery school or maintained school with a reception class)

Further information is available on the government Get Into Teaching page for early years

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options/become-an-early-years-teacher>. It will hopefully assist potential applicants currently planning their careers within early years

## SECTION 4: Qualifications & Requirements

### Qualification requirements:

<b>GEB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A level 6 degree awarded by a United Kingdom higher education institution at the start of the pathway (or recognised equivalent). A first class or 2:1 Honours Degree is preferred although, subject to availability of places, consideration will be given to those with a 2:2, third class or ordinary degree.</li> <li>• GCSE Maths, English and Science at grade C or above, or recognised equivalent (check with provider)</li> <li>• The professional skills tests for teachers in numeracy and literacy must have been passed.</li> <li>• Evidence of a satisfactory DBS and disqualification by association clearance must be provided.</li> <li>• Evidence of the health and physical capacity necessary to function as an early years teacher</li> </ul>
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You are required to submit photocopies/scanned images of your certificates with your application form. Original certificates must be seen on or before enrolment.

Please note that ‘results slips’ are unconfirmed statements of results and are not acceptable. **Only certificates will be considered sufficient evidence of your qualifications.**

If you have lost your certificate(s) you can apply for a replacement directly from the awarding body (a cost will be involved and the process can take up to 6 weeks). If the awarding body no longer exists or has changed its name please contact Ofqual: <http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/help-and-support/94-articles/264-getting-copies-of-exam-certificates>

Acceptable GCSE equivalents:

- GCSE English, Maths and Science grade A\*- C or
- GCE O levels awarded before summer 1975 a pass should be recorded rather than a note of the grade or
- GCE O levels awarded in the summer of 1975 onwards only grade A-C are acceptable
- CSE passes need to be at grade 1
- BTEC First Diploma at Merit or Distinction only
- GCSE equivalencies completed within an Access Course pre 2013 only

NB. Double science or single science subjects i.e. Biology, Chemistry or Physics are all accepted.

**Level 2 Literacy, Numeracy, Basic Skills, Key Skills and Skills for Life are not accepted.**

### Equivalency Tests:

Equivalency tests are accepted at the University’s discretion providing that the test meets the required standards in both level and breadth according to the GCSE subject criteria provided by Ofqual (see: <http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/downloads/category/192-gcse-subject-criteria>)

The University recommends Equivalency Testing as a recognised equivalent for GCSE Maths, English and Science. They offer a 16 week distance learning programme or an exam only option depending on how confident you are with

the subjects. You can also choose to sit your exam at one of their training centres or in your setting. Please visit [www.equivalencytesting.com](http://www.equivalencytesting.com) for more information.

Other equivalency tests are available but before you commit to a programme we recommend confirming with us first that it will be considered an acceptable equivalent for entry onto the Early Years Initial Teacher Training Programme.

### **Professional Skills Tests:**

All trainee teachers must pass the Literacy and Numeracy Professional Skills tests before the commencement of the course. Your unconditional offer of a place will not be confirmed until you have passed these tests. Once we make you a conditional offer, details of support sessions at the University will be given to you to help you successfully pass the tests. You will be asked at interview if you have organised to attend a test centre (you need to register on the website) <http://www.education.gov.uk/sta/professional/b00211200/registration>. If you have already passed one or both of these tests, please include a copy of the results with your application.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I know if this route is right for me?**

If you have read the guidance notes and looked at the options on our website and are still unsure it's best to fill out an application form with your experience and qualifications and send it to the University. Alternatively you can call us to discuss your options on 0800 358 2232 or email [admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk)

### **If I am not eligible for a funded place can I self-fund?**

It is not possible for trainees to self-fund or be funded through another source (e.g. employer, local authority).

### **What can the employer incentive money be used for?**

This must be used to support the trainee gaining EYTS. For example, it can be used for work based mentor training, salary enhancement for the trainee or supply cover costs. It is paid in arrears once the trainee has commenced the course. Further information will be sent once the trainee has accepted a place on the course.

### **Can volunteers do Early Years Initial Teacher Training?**

No, employment means 'paid employment' and you must be working a minimum of 16 hours a week.

### **What if I did my teacher training before it became a degree?**

Candidates with QTS and a certificate of education awarded before 1980 are deemed to have met the degree requirements and are therefore eligible to undertake Early Years Initial Teacher Training provided they meet the other entry requirements.

### **I am working in an EY setting and have an NVQ level 3 and I want to become an Early Years Teacher, what can I do?**

Your first step should be to complete the Early Years Foundation Degree which takes 2 years full-time or 3 years part-time by day release. You will then need to complete the Top Up Degree in Early Childhood Studies to gain your level 6 BA Honours Degree. You will then be eligible to apply for a place on the Graduate Employment-based Route, provided you meet all the other entry requirements.

Contact us for more information about the Early Years Foundation Degree and Top Up Degree at The University of Northampton at [admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk) or telephone 0300 303 2772.