



Master of Education Future

PGCE and PGDE
Secondary Education

School of Education
and Social Work
University of Dundee



The University of Dundee has a relentless commitment to exceptional teaching and research. That's why we're rated among the world's best, and why our graduates are in demand in the jobs market. We are an example of the best that Scottish education has to offer, combining academic strength with unbeatable student experience in an affordable and friendly city.

Make the move into Secondary School Teaching

Accredited by the General Teaching Council Scotland (GTCS), our highly respected qualifications enable you to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding required to be an excellent secondary school teacher in Scottish schools. By introducing new and innovative routes into teaching we are helping to meet Scotland's growing demand for secondary teachers of STEM subjects, including home economics.

We have three courses available:

- PGDE Secondary Education (Professional Graduate Diploma in Education)
- PGCE Secondary Education with Supported Induction Route (Postgraduate Certificate in Education)
- PGDE Secondary Education Partnership Induction Model (Postgraduate Diploma in Education)

If you have the passion, drive and commitment to become the very best teacher you can be, one of these courses will be ideal for you. You will be supported as you explore learning and teaching in theory and practice.

PGDE Secondary Education

This 36-week long course is our traditional route into secondary teaching, giving you the Initial Teacher Education phase of your career. When combined with a year-long GTCS Teacher Induction Scheme period working in a school, you will be qualified to teach Chemistry, Home Economics, Mathematics, Physics or English throughout Scotland. You can also choose to study a dual qualification of any combination of two subjects chosen from Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry. The course starts in August each year.

By studying this course you may be eligible to receive a Scottish Government bursary worth £20,000. These bursaries are for people looking to change careers and become secondary school teachers in STEM subjects. Full details can be found at: stembursaryscotland.co.uk

What you'll study

You will take two on-campus modules and three school placements, which are likely to be in Dundee, Fife, Perth & Kinross and Angus. Our small classes provide a high ratio of tutor/student contact, and you will be allocated a tutor who will work closely with you, visiting, supporting and assessing you during your three placements and on campus.

Each six-week placement is preceded by time on campus, where lectures, tutorial and workshops will increase your competence and confidence in relevant areas of the curriculum and teaching theory. During your placements, you will be able to put the theory into practice and gain vital teaching experience by participating in the wider spectrum of school life.

"I am so glad I chose Dundee to study this course because it has been fantastic here. The amount of support and information you get along with the teaching quality is incredible. I feel I have had a really good start in my career as a teacher."

Liam Walker,
Secondary Education PGDE graduate



PGCE Secondary Education with Supported Induction Route

If you are interested in a route that offers financial support of more than £22,000, consider the PGCE(S) with Supported Induction Route (SIR). We are the first in Scotland to offer this innovative opportunity to become a teacher in a 52-week course, running from January to January each year.

This course brings together the first two steps of your career as a teacher – the Initial Teacher Education programme and the Teacher Induction Scheme, combining Masters-level learning with school-based experience. You will be able to teach secondary pupils in the subject specialisms of Chemistry, Computing, Home Economics, Mathematics, or Physics.

Rather than the three 6-week placements you experience in a traditional secondary teacher education course, this course features a 37-week school placement in two blocks, enabling the development of stronger, continuous working relationships with the school, its staff, pupils and community. Learning and teaching in a Scottish secondary school across the school year, you will understand how your enthusiasm and creativity, and your contribution in the classroom and school, can make a difference to young people's learning and lives.

To study on this course you must be eligible to join the GTCS Teacher Induction Scheme. Full details available at: www.in2teaching.org.uk/Students/student-teacher-induction-scheme-faqs.aspx

What you'll study

In this course you will have more on-campus face-to-face time, and more tutor-directed learning tasks, than in our traditional PGDE route, giving you the opportunity to achieve the GTCS Standard for Full Registration in one calendar year. Throughout there is a careful balance on on-campus learning and experience in school, supported by the University, local authorities and schools.

Two of the course's four core modules are professional practice placement modules. You will be based in a school in one of our four partner local authorities – Angus, Dundee, Fife, or Perth & Kinross. As well as a University tutor, you will be allocated a school-based supporter, who will mentor and coach you while you are undertaking your school placement.

PGDE Secondary Education Partnership Induction Model

This new course, a joint initiative with the University of the Highlands and Islands, will be offered from December 2018, subject to formal approval and accreditation by the GTCS. It will give you the opportunity to become a fully qualified teacher in an 18-month full-time course, bringing together the first two steps of your career as a teacher – the Initial Teacher Education programme and the Teacher Induction Scheme, combining Masters-level learning with school-based experience. You will be able to teach secondary pupils in the subject specialisms of Chemistry, Computing, Home Economics, Mathematics, or Physics.

This new route to becoming a teacher is funded by the Scottish Government and participants will receive a financial package over the 18 months of study.

For the duration of the course (18 months) you must live full-time in one of our local authority partner areas, which are Aberdeenshire, Argyll and Bute, Scottish Borders, or Highland Council. Compared with traditional PGDE structures you will have more time based in your school, enabling you to participate more widely in the school community.

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What you'll study

A key feature of this course is to develop leaders of learning. There will be an emphasis on developing leadership skills as you progress through the course.

You will study four core modules, two content-based and two practice-based. Module 1 focuses on leading learning, module 2 provides experiential learning to help you develop as a leader of learning, module 3 develops your insight of being an inclusive practitioner, and module 4 continues your professional practice development towards becoming a fully qualified teacher.

The first part of the course runs from December to June (modules 1 and 2), the second part from August to June (modules 3 and 4). Each part will begin with a campus-based residential event supporting your student experience and establishing the learning focus for the modules. This will be followed by supported online study as you move into a combination of school days and study days in each week.

After you graduate

After successfully completing the traditional PGDE Secondary Education course you will be eligible to participate in the GTCS Teacher Induction Scheme which offers one year of paid employment in a school in Scotland. International students should contact the GTCS directly to check eligibility.

When you graduate from our PGCE with Supported Induction Route or PGDE Partnership Induction Model courses you will be a fully registered secondary teacher, able to apply immediately for teaching posts in your subject specialism.

The majority of our students go straight into teaching after graduating. As your career progresses, a range of promoted posts will be open to you including Principal Teacher, Curriculum Leader, pupil support, guidance teacher, and roles within school leadership teams. Some of our students enter other fields such as Learning Support, or undertake further study to become an Educational Psychologist.



“I wanted to become a teacher to help people and share my passion for chemistry. The PGCE(S) with SIR is more intense than a traditional PGDE, but the benefits are that I have financial support, the stability and routine of being in the same school for a year, and I will be fully qualified sooner.”

Craig Martin,
PGCE(S) with Supported Induction student, March 2018

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Course ranking

- **A World Top 200 University**
Times Higher Education 2017
- **3rd in UK**
Education at the University of Dundee ranked 3rd in the UK in the Complete University Guide Rankings 2019

Our research

The research in the School of Education and Social Work informs our programmes and is underpinned by a commitment to transforming lives and promoting inclusion and social justice. Themes such as science education, inclusion, transitions, leadership, international education, pedagogy, and reflective practice contribute to our programmes.

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