



Why train with us

We have offered high quality, School Direct initial teacher training since 2013. We have fantastic pass rates and 100% of our trainees successfully gain employment in schools.

We offer both School Direct Salaried and School Direct Tuition Fee (non-salaried) places with our University partners. We also work in close partnership with our Portsmouth Schools.

The schools in the Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance have worked with trainees for many years and fully appreciate the enthusiasm, drive and life experiences they bring to school.

In Portsmouth we are committed to providing an environment in which trainee teachers feel valued and supported. Our initial teacher trainees said they chose the Portsmouth Teaching School because we have an excellent reputation, give personalised support and our trainers are experts in their field, all of whom have been teachers and have vast experience in the sector.

Trainees really valued our 'personal approach' and how we supported them right from the start i.e. from application to enrolment. Our trainees wanted to learn predominately in school, with experienced staff, combined with the excellent programme offered by the Alliance and our University partners.

On successful completion our trainees achieve a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with 60 Master Credits and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Our trainees benefit from our specialist Solent Maths Hub in Portsmouth. This hub represents a key strength of the city.

To support our trainee teachers, we offer Teacher Subject Specialist Training (TSST) and where appropriate our secondary applicants will be supported by the national Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) programme.

We believe in a continuum of professional development and will support you beyond teacher training right through to headship. Your career aspirations will be developed through the Portsmouth Alliance and personalised to meet your needs and interests. As a teacher, working in Portsmouth you have the opportunity to inspire the next generation and help them realise their ambitions. <http://www.portsmouthtsa.org>

Portsmouth is a dynamic and vibrant waterfront city and is a fantastic place to work, live and learn. It is steeped in history and culture. This Waterfront City is host to the Victorious Festival which takes place over the August bank holiday weekend and is the gateway to the Isle of Wight and Europe.

Where will your training will be delivered?

The Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance works with a range of schools in which our trainees can be placed. You will be predominately trained in school by experienced teaching staff and released for training at both the Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance and the relevant University. We also have a training programme on the Isle of Wight for those who wish to train there please see UCAS code 34JF.

About this Training Programme

We believe it is important that trainees feel part of the school environment. We host our interviews in school so you can meet the staff and pupils at the very early stages. Once you have been offered a place you will have the opportunity to visit your host school before you officially start in September. That way you are really part of the team before Day One!

Once on programme, you will have access to high-quality mentoring. Every trainee is allocated a mentor who is a highly-experienced teacher and will offer personalised support and guidance throughout the year. Weekly mentor meetings will focus on setting short and long-term targets and reviewing progress against the Teachers' Standards. You will feel like a valued member of staff as you will attend staff meetings and CPD sessions.

Successful trainees will achieve their PGCE and QTS and usually go on to work within their host school or alliance school. We are so proud that we have a strong track record and 100% of our School Direct trainees pass and subsequently find employment in schools.

If you want to be part of our success, then join us on your journey to teaching.

Entry Requirements

Qualifications

You should be a graduate with at least a 2:2 degree. We look for applicants who show a particular passion and aptitude for teaching or bring relevant additional experience.

A grade C or 4 or above in English, science and maths GCSE.

To have passed the Professional skills tests in English and maths before starting the course (not before interview).

You will have, as a minimum 2-days experience working in a school setting, evidencing this experience is a real opportunity to show your potential to teach. This does not need to be paid work. The Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance can support you with some school experiences.

What we are looking for:

Potential to teach - We are looking for enthusiastic, ambitious and talented trainee teachers who are passionate about improving educational outcomes for children of all abilities. This will be demonstrated by experience of working with young people of the age group for which you wish to teach.