

# Certificate in Education (Cert Ed) Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)



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## INTRODUCTION

These part-time, in-service courses are delivered at Boston College and lead to a professional qualification in further, higher, adult education and training. They are an award of the University of Huddersfield. The courses are relevant to those involved in a teaching or training capacity working with adults or young people (over 14 years of age) in a range of settings such as FE colleges, sixth form colleges, the Police, the NHS, or independent training organisations. The course involves both improving practical teaching skills and engaging with key educational ideas and debates that will advance candidates professional knowledge.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

This is an in-service course for those already employed as teachers and trainers with a minimum of NVQ3 or equivalent. Candidates are required to be in paid employment, as a teacher or trainer, for a minimum of 150 hours (at least 75 hours in any one year) at a recognised training or educational establishment. Voluntary teaching/training may be acceptable in certain circumstances.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

The courses normally take two years of part-time study. The theory sessions are held 5.00pm - 8.00pm weekly. Holders of basic teaching qualifications may be able to make claims for accreditation of prior learning. Candidates with PTLLS at level 4 may be exempt from some aspects of the course in year 1.

## ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Graduates holding a degree from a UK higher education institution (or an equivalent qualification) normally work towards a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education. In some cases graduates may be able to take Masters level modules if their degree has a classification of 2:1 or above. CertEd candidates should hold vocational or professional qualifications at NVQ3 or equivalent in the subject they are teaching and hold significant work experience in the area in which they teach. A good standard of academic skills are required as assignments and essays have to meet higher education standard.

## WHERE COULD IT LEAD

After completion of the course students are able to undertake professional formation in order to achieve QTLS. On successful completion candidates could progress to a BA or MA qualification in the field of education their training depending on your academic profile.

## FEES

Tuition fees: Approximately £900 per annum. Some financial support may be available. Where courses last for more than one year, only the first year's fees are shown.

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Candidates may wish to purchase relevant academic literature to support their studies.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These in-service part time courses enable candidates to explore their teaching role within the lifelong learning sector. The theory sessions will require candidates to study academic literature and debate current issues relating to lifelong learning. Research and academic study beyond the classroom session are an essential part of the course. Tutorials are provided over the duration of the course to support candidate's developmental needs. Teaching practice is supported through scheduled observations by the delivery team.

The Post-Graduate Certificate in Education is subject to validation with the University of Huddersfield.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

You can apply for this course by applying online, by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information.

There is an online application form via the University of Huddersfield website: <http://halo.hud.ac.uk/applicationform>

All candidates will need to complete an online application form with the University of Huddersfield.

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