

PGCE Programmes

Canterbury Christ Church University is one of the largest and most successful providers of postgraduate initial teacher education in the country. The University has very good OFSTED quality ratings across its Primary, 7-14, 11-18 and 14-19 provision.

Introduction

The portfolio of PGCEs on offer includes programmes for those wishing to train to teach primary, 7-14, 11-18 and 14-19 age groups and in Post Compulsory education. All routes are available for full-time one year study. There is a part-time primary PGCE which takes five terms to complete, and a number of courses are available on a flexible, modular route which can be completed over a time period of up to three years, with the length of the course planned to meet individual circumstances.

The University attracts applicants with a wide range of backgrounds and experience to its PGCE courses. Approximately a third of student teachers come straight from completing their first degrees. Another significant number begin their PGCE courses after some experience in the world of work, but within a few years of graduating. Many others come as mature entrants, including some who are returning to paid employment after raising a family, and others who have decided to make a career change to teaching.

The University is strongly committed to its equal opportunities and race equality policies and is pleased to be recruiting an increasing number of student teachers from ethnic minorities. Partnership schools work closely with the University to provide good professional opportunities for student teachers with disabilities.

Whatever your background and experience, if you meet the entry requirements and are offered a place on a PGCE course, you will find many other student teachers like you at the University. Universities can use the title 'PGCE' as an abbreviation for both the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and the Professional Graduate Certificate in Education. The main difference is that the Postgraduate Certificate involves completing more work at Master's level.

An advantage of studying at Canterbury Christ Church University is that our PGCE programmes can be varied to suit your learning needs and aspirations, and you can work towards either the Postgraduate or Professional Graduate Certificate as suits you best. You do not need to decide which to do before you start. If you complete the Postgraduate Certificate you will be awarded 40 Master's credits towards a Masters in Education,

which you can complete at the University. Both the Postgraduate Certificate and the Professional Graduate Certificate include the recommendation of Qualified Teaching Status (QTS), which is confirmed by the General Teaching Council for England (GTCE).



I have really enjoyed the PGCE course, it has helped me discover who I am and what I value. The University sessions have made me very prepared and confident to teach.

Lucy Banfield
PGCE 11-18

Postgraduate Initial Teacher Education

Canterbury Christ Church University offers an extensive portfolio of postgraduate initial teacher education programmes. We can prepare you to teach in all settings including Early Years, Primary and Secondary schools, Further Education and Lifelong Learning in a mode of study to suit you whether this is University-based, home-based or work-based.

If . . .

- you think young people deserve teachers with vision, energy and imagination and you can prove you've got those qualities,
 - you think education is more about lighting fires than filling buckets,
 - you think making a difference is something important in life and this is not just meaningless cliché,
 - you think being challenged to develop the widest range of knowledge and skills in constantly changing circumstances sounds exciting,
 - you think equal opportunities is about helping everyone to fulfilment, affirming their abilities, race, religion, class, gender and culture,
 - you can bring commitment, determination, passion and integrity to your work and still see the funny side of things,
 - you can take responsibility for your own professional development and yet remain open to constructive advice and guidance,
 - you like working where you can support your peers and be supported by them,
- ... then come and learn to be a teacher at Canterbury Christ Church University.
- a) **If you are interested in University-based programmes**, with a high proportion of face-to-face contact at the University, see pages 33, 35 and 40 onwards for the full-time PGCEs and page 36 for part-time PGCEs.
- b) **If you are interested in home-based programmes**, with a high proportion of distance learning and opportunities to manage time flexibly see page 61 for the Modular PGCE and page 151 for iTeach.
- c) **If you are interested in work-based programmes**, with a high proportion of time spent working as an employee of a school, see page 143 for the Graduate and Registered Teacher Programme.



PGCE Programmes Offered

Primary Age Range	Routes available	14-19 Age Range	
Primary	Full-time, part-time and modular	Applied Business	Full-time
Primary MFL	Full-time and part-time	Applied Art and Design	Full-time
		Leisure and Tourism	Full-time
7-14		Post Compulsory	
Design and Technology*	Full-time	Art and Design	Full-time
English	Full-time	Basic Skills	Full-time
Modern Foreign Languages	Full-time	Business and Administration	Full-time
Geography	Full-time	Health and Care	Full-time
History	Full-time	Humanities and Social Science	Full-time
ICT	Full-time	Science and Technology	Full-time
Mathematics	Full-time	Sport, Leisure and Tourism	Full-time
Music	Full-time		
Religious Education	Full-time		
Science	Full-time		
		<i>*(Two pathways offered, the first in Product Design and the second in Food Technology)</i>	
11-18		PGCE Open Days	
Art and Design	Full-time	There will be three PGCE open afternoons held during the year. They are for all PGCE subjects (Primary MFL will be available on each of the open events, 'general' Primary will only attend the November event). The open afternoons start at 4.30pm (prompt) on the following days:	
Citizenship	Full-time	Thursday November 15th 2007	
Design and Technology*	Full-time	Thursday March 13th 2008	
English with Drama and Media Education	Full-time and Modular	Thursday June 12th 2008	
Geography	Full-time		
History	Full-time		
ICT	Full-time		
Mathematics	Full-time and Modular		
Modern Foreign Languages	Full-time		
Modern Foreign Languages with Masters 1	Full-time	You will have the opportunity to find out about the PGCE programme and talk to subject tutors. Information about the application process, student finance and criminal records bureau clearance will also be available.	
Music	Full-time and Modular		
Physical Education	Full-time		
Religious Education	Full-time		
Science	Full-time	The events are run at the Canterbury Campus, travel details can be found on page 175.	

Who to Contact

If you have a query regarding applications/qualifications/interviews for any of the PGCE programmes below then please send an e-mail to admissions@canterbury.ac.uk

Enquiries about the Programme

If you have an enquiry about admission to a specific postgraduate initial teacher education programme, please contact the following:

All PGCE Programmes

Jo Dennis 01227 782491 or 782846

Graduate and Registered Teacher Programme

Anna Turley 01227 782727

Louise West 01227 783201

For any other enquiries about specific programmes

If you have a non-admissions enquiry about a specific postgraduate initial teacher training education programme, please contact the following:

Primary PGCE – Full-time and Part-time

Jayne Nottage 01227 782777

7-14, 11-18 and 14-19 PGCEs

Programmes Administrator 01227 782304

Modular PGCE – KS 1/2, Secondary English, Music and Maths

Maureen Carey 01227 767700 ext: 2023

Student Financial Support

Introduction

The information contained on these pages relates to 2007 entry and is provided as a guide only. For example tuition fees were £3070 for full-time students but this will increase for 2008 following government guidance expected during the 2007/8 academic year.

For 2008 entry the amount of money available to PGCE students is likely to change. Applicants should make sure that they keep up to date with developments.

In relation to the Modular PGCE, the information has been given using the assumption that the student will complete in two years. For those who take longer the financial support package will be configured in a different way.

As part of the new financial package the University is offering bursaries (to cover course-related costs) to eligible students of up to £820 a year.

The Student Fee Loan

Students who begin their studies in 2008 (and beyond) can opt to take out a Student Fee Loan to cover the cost of their tuition fees. This loan is not repayable until after you complete your studies and you are working.

You apply for your Student Fee Loan before you commence your studies and

A package of student financial support has been put together by the university and the government and consists of:

	Full-time	Part-time and Modular
A student fee loan	£3070	£1535
Canterbury Christ Church Bursary (up to)	£820	£410
A non means tested student grant of	£1230	£615
A further (means tested student grant) of	£1535	£768
Tax free government bursaries of shortage subjects	£9000	£4500
non shortage	£6000	£3000
Golden Hellos (for some subjects)	£2500-£5000	£2500-£5000

the money will be paid straight to Canterbury Christ Church by the Student Loans Company (SLC). All eligible students should apply to the Student Loans Company (0800 405010) via their Local Education Authority if they wish their fees to be paid in this way.

Students do not have to take out the Student Fee Loan but, if not, they will be expected to pay their annual tuition fees at the start of each academic year. It is not possible to defer the payment of tuition fees if you do not take out a Student Fees Loan.

Canterbury Christ Church Bursaries

In addition to any student grant you may receive from the Student Loans Company, Canterbury Christ Church has also introduced

a range of non-repayable bursaries which are to cover course-related costs. The amount you will receive as a bursary depends on your household's income.

- if your household income is around £17,910 a year or less and you are paying £3,070 tuition fees you will receive a Canterbury Christ Church bursary of £820. Part-time students will receive £410 per year.
- if your household income is between £17,910 and £38,330 and you are paying £3,070 tuition fees you will receive a Canterbury Christ Church bursary of £510. Part-time students will receive £255 per year.
- if your household income is above £38,330 and below £46,048 and you are paying £3,070 tuition fees you will receive a Canterbury Christ Church bursary of £405. Part-time students will receive £202.50 per year.

Student Financial Support continued

Canterbury Christ Church bursaries will be paid directly into your bank account in instalments, based on information about your household income which you will have supplied to your Local Education Authority.

Student Grants

Full-time students in England are eligible for a non-means tested grant of £1,230 and to apply for an additional means-tested grant of £1,535. Part-time and modular students are eligible for £615 and £768 a year respectively.

Tax-Free Government Bursaries

In addition, eligible postgraduate trainee teachers are entitled to a tax-free bursary while they train, the value of which will depend on where you train, the subject you are training to teach, and when you start your course:

- £9,000 (£225 a week) for full-time trainees in secondary mathematics; science; English (including drama); ICT; D&T; modern languages; RE; music, £4500 a year for Modular students in these subjects
- £6,000 (£150 a week) for full-time trainees in all other subjects, £3000 a year for Part-time and Modular students

Golden Hellos

If you complete a PGCE and take up an NQT position in a maintained school or non-maintained special school in England, you may be eligible to receive a one-off, taxable 'golden hello' payment of between £2,500 and £5,000 at the start of your second year of teaching, after successfully completing your induction period. Golden Hellos are available to eligible NQTs who have trained to teach information and communications technology; design and technology; modern foreign languages; religious education; music; mathematics; or science.

The amount you receive will depend on your subject, with mathematics and science attracting £5,000 and all other priority subjects £2,500.

Teachers employed in maintained primary schools are eligible for Golden Hellos if they are responsible under their contract for teaching a shortage subject in which they trained (e.g. Modern Foreign Languages) to classes other than their own.

Independent Students

To be classified as an independent student (i.e. not dependent on your parents) you need to meet the criteria established by the Government. The criteria include:

The student is aged 25 or over on the first day of the relevant year; or

The student has been married or is in a civil partnership before the beginning of the relevant year, whether or not the marriage or civil partnership is still subsisting; or

The student has no parent living; or

The Secretary of State is satisfied that neither of his parents can be found or that it is not reasonably practicable to get in touch with either of them; or

The student has communicated with neither of his parents for the period of one year before the beginning of the relevant year or, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, he can demonstrate on other grounds that he is irreconcilably estranged from his parents.

Students who continue from a degree straight through to a PGCE who previously were classified as dependant students will continue to be classified as dependant if they are still under 25 when the programme commences. This will also be the case with students who have taken a two year break from university (or less) and who are still under 25 who were classified as dependent while undertaking their first degree.

Other Important Information

An offer of a place on a PGCE programme is made subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. The University will assist applicants in the process of gaining their CRB enhanced disclosure certificate and further details will be sent to applicants once they are invited to attend the University for an interview. The University requires that all those people who will be working unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults gain an enhanced disclosure certificate from the CRB before commencing their programme. It is also a requirement that applicants pro-actively engage with the CRB process completing forms promptly. A failure to engage with this process is likely to lead to the removal of an offer of a place.

When completing the application form applicants should advise the University of any convictions, cautions or bind overs that they have received – irrespective of when they received them or whether the applicant considers them to be ‘spent’ or of insufficient consequence to report them. If, before applying, an applicant would like advice as to whether a previous offence is likely to prevent their entry onto a particular course they are welcome to write in confidence to: Lorraine Symonds, Admissions Manager. The envelope should be marked ‘Private and Confidential’.

Applicants with convictions, cautions or who have been bound over are not automatically barred from studying on PGCE programmes. The University

considers each applicant separately. What is important is that applicants are open with the University about their past.

Where an applicant declares a conviction, caution or bind over, the University makes an academic decision first. Once this has been completed, those offered a place will be asked to submit further information concerning their circumstances and then a decision is taken as to whether to confirm the offer.

Where an applicant fails to disclose information that subsequently comes to light through the CRB process, the applicant faces the likelihood of having their offer of a place withdrawn.

Non-UK residents must go through the CRB process when they commence their programme. It is expected that students from those countries where a further check can be made, will also go through this process. Further advice will be given to non-UK resident applicants at the time of being called for interview.

The University will not accept enhanced disclosure certificates issued elsewhere.

These procedures are operated at the time of writing. They may be amended to meet revised national requirements for 2008 entrants in due course.