



Initial Teacher Training- Frequently Asked Questions

What is a SCITT?

SCITT stands for School Centred Initial Teacher Training and enables trainees to teach within our alliance schools for the duration of their training. SCITT's can award Qualified Teacher Status (QTS); this qualification allows you to teach in England.

Who do we train?

We are looking for outstanding teachers from a wide range of backgrounds. We are looking both for new graduates and those wanting a career change so we actively encourage anyone to apply.

Is the course full time?

Yes, trainees will spend four days a week in one of our alliance schools and one day a week at centrally-based Lincoln location and the University of Lincoln.

What subjects are available?

For 2016-17 we will be recruiting to Primary & Secondary place. Please see below for Secondary subjects available:

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Physics with Mathematics
- Religious Education

We will continue to update the website in the case of our courses being full. [Please click here to navigate to the Training Subjects page.](#)

At which school might I train?

LTSA SCITT works with a large partnership of schools across Lincolnshire including lead schools and teaching schools.

Primary Training

- Ellison Boulters CE Academy, working with 15 primary schools
- Equate Teaching School Alliance, working with 7 primary schools
- KYRA Teaching School Alliance, working with 9 primary schools
- Staniland Academy, working with 5 primary schools

Secondary Training

- Branston Community Academy
- De Aston School
- The Gainsborough Academy
- Haven High Academy
- John Spendluffe Technology College
- Kesteven & Sleaford High School
- The King's School
- Monks' Dyke Tennyson College
- North Kesteven School
- The Peele Community College
- The Priory Academy LSST
- The Priory City of Lincoln Academy
- The Priory Ruskin Academy
- The Priory Witham Academy
- Queen Elizabeth's High School
- St Peter & St Paul Catholic Academy
- University Academy Holbeach
- William Farr CE School
- William Lovell CE Academy

Special Schools

- St Francis Special School, working with 10 special schools in both Primary & Secondary

Where is the course based?

Trainees will spend the majority of their time in their main teaching school, but will have the experience of teaching in a second, contrasting school. Time spent in the classroom will be supported by a weekly training element delivered to all trainees at a central location in Lincoln.

How much will the course cost?

£9000 is the current cost of the course.

Can I receive funding for the course?

Those from the UK or EU are eligible for student loans to cover tuition fees and maintenance. Bursaries and scholarships may also be available for priority subject areas. [Please click here for the fees and funding page](#)

How do I apply for the course?

Applications for the course are made through the teacher training page on UCAS. We have developed some short guides to help you search for a programme on UCAS and apply.

[Please click here to go directly to UCAS.](#)

What are the entry requirements?

- A **UK Honours degree** (or equivalent) – we ask for a minimum of 2:2 grade
- **GCSE Maths** – Grade C or above (or equivalent)
- **GCSE English** – Grade C or above (or equivalent)
- **GCSE Science** (*for primary*) – Grade C or above (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of the Professional Skills Tests in Literacy & Numeracy
- A DBS check will be completed once you have a confirmed place on the course
- For School Direct (**Salaried**) you need at least 3 years' career experience

My degree isn't in the subject I want to teach, can I still apply?

Yes providing that you have an A-Level in the subject you want to teach and may be willing to undertake a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course. More SKE information can be found on the Department for Education's Get into Teaching page, [simply click here for more information](#).

Do I need experience?

Yes, it is important that you know that teaching is right for you. We are looking for applicants who have spent some time or are planning to spend time within a secondary school so you really understand what to expect. The LTSA also supports the School Experience Programme and may be able to help you find work experience within one of our alliance schools.

[More information on the School Experience Programme can be found here.](#)

What happens if my application is shortlisted?

If you are shortlisted then we will invite you to one of our selection days where you will be asked to complete a variety of tasks in order for us to see your potential as a teacher.

If you are successful in these tasks then we will offer you a chance to visit the school in which you will train in order to interact with students and staff in order to understand what the school is offering.

Once you have accepted your place and passed any conditional offers (e.g. professional skills test), the induction will take place late in the summer term and will precede the start of your training in September.

What are the Professional Skills Tests?

All candidates must pass the Professional Skills Tests in Literacy and Numeracy before commencing the course, these are taken at various test centres across the UK.

There are many practice tests online and the tests are free; you are allowed a maximum of three attempts, any resits incurring a charge. Please see: <http://sta.education.gov.uk/>

What qualification will I receive?

Upon successful meeting of the Teachers' Standards and thereby completing the course, trainees will attain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Alongside this with the University of Lincoln, trainees will access a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) with 60 Masters' credits.

Will I be employed after the course?

Although we cannot guarantee employment after successful completion of the course we aim to offer trainees employment within one of our alliance schools.

What are the benefits of training within a Teaching School Alliance?

The Lincolnshire Teaching School Alliance contains a diverse range of schools within Lincolnshire, to give an example these range from mixed schools to single sex schools and comprehensive to grammar. The Lincolnshire Teaching School Alliance provides life-long professional development to trainees within Lincolnshire, including supporting and providing opportunities as a NQT, RQT, HoD, leadership roles and beyond.

I have more questions, where can I find out more?

Please come to one of our Information Events throughout the year, they are targeted at both Primary and Secondary and are being hosted all over the county. [Please click here to visit the events page and find our Information Event flyers.](#)

Alternatively if you have more questions, please feel free to contact us:

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