




The North Tyneside School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) Programme

Post Graduate Certificate in Education
(Primary) with Qualified Teacher Status

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We put
children and
their learning
at the heart of
what we do.

Our Mission Statement

Vision for Excellence

Our aim is to create teachers who embody excellence in primary education.

We believe that each child is unique and that education should allow them to develop to their full potential.

Each trainee will be offered the highest quality training experiences so they can ably support every child's right to the best possible education.

Trainees will grow in their understanding of how children think and learn, and develop as reflective practitioners.

By the end of the course, they will be able to take up their first teaching post with confidence.

Our partnership brings together expertise in the field of Initial Teacher Education, excellent practice, plus commitment to professional development from diverse schools across North Tyneside.

We also offer the opportunity for an enriched training experience through the involvement of North Tyneside Council's School Improvement Service.

Student satisfaction survey:

In our 2020 student satisfaction survey, all (100%) of our completing graduates said they would recommend the SCITT to others.

Welcome to the North Tyneside SCITT Programme.

This unique post-graduate training route will equip you with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become a highly effective primary school teacher.

Our highly successful programme combines high quality extensive classroom experience with expert guidance, and is officially rated as outstanding by Ofsted (2015/16).

More than 90 percent of our trainees are recommended for Qualified Teacher Status each year and the majority of our graduates go straight into teaching jobs in local schools.

A school-centred programme is the best way to train if you're looking for lots of practical experience, and want to benefit from the expertise of teachers on the ground.

And research shows that where teachers have had extensive initial training in schools, they perform better.

We attract applicants of all ages, from a huge range of backgrounds - our recent graduates have been aged between 22 to 54, with experience in everything from accountancy and business to zoology.

For the duration of the programme, you'll have a base at the Langdale Centre in Wallsend - North Tyneside Council's professional development centre - where you'll be mixing with, and learning from, experienced and respected early years and primary professionals.

You are also guaranteed placements in our partnership schools in North Tyneside, where you'll get practical, hands-on classroom experience and train alongside some really inspiring teachers.

You'll be part of a small cohort which means we can give you personalised support tailored to your needs, and really nurture your development.

And you'll graduate with a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) validated by Northumbria University, Qualified Teacher Status, a wealth of experience, up to the minute knowledge and fantastic job prospects.

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Outstanding programme taught by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners who were able to teach both theory and give practical ideas for the classroom.

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Cheryl Bryden
SCITT Graduate
Teacher in North Tyneside

Choose the Outstanding primary teacher training programme from North Tyneside Council:

- Rated Outstanding by Ofsted
- Over 90 percent of trainees are awarded Qualified Teacher Status each year
- Ideal for trainees who are looking for a more school-based route
- Substantial opportunities to gain high quality experience in primary expertise and practice
- Expert support from locally and nationally recognised primary and education specialists
- Small cohort group and bespoke support
- Based in a professional and well-resourced training environment
- On average, over 85 percent of trainees gain 60 credits at Masters level

We'll provide you with:

A FREE laptop
FREE wi-fi access
FREE office printing

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The North Tyneside
SCITT PGCE (Primary) with
Qualified Teacher Status

UCAS code
N73 SCITT
2C4L – Early Years
2ZPF – KS1 & KS2

1NB School Direct
2C4K - KS1 & KS2

Programme length
38 weeks

Attendance mode
Full time

Applications
All applications should be made
via the UCAS at www.ucas.com

If you need any help or
guidance with your application,
please contact the SCITT office
on (0191) 643 8855 or email
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By choosing North Tyneside Council's SCITT, you will be giving yourself the chance to be part of not only a course community, but to become established within an authority. The level of training and experience offered allows you to become an outstanding trainee and eventually an outstanding teacher. All of this requires immense support, and on this course you feel like one of four, not one of forty.”

Chris Youldon,
SCITT Graduate,
Teacher in North Tyneside



North Tyneside SCITT is delighted to continue its close collaboration New York Primary School and the North Shields Collaborative Teaching School Alliance.

This highly distinctive course has been developed in response to changing priorities in the field of primary education over recent years.

Early primary years are regarded as a hugely influential period of development. As such, teaching professionals need specific skills and knowledge around the development and learning needs of children, as well as an understanding of the wider support needs of families.

The North Tyneside SCITT programme equips you with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become an effective primary school teacher.

Trainees gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Foundation Stage Curriculum and the National Curriculum for Key Stages One and Two.

In addition, this school-based route offers you opportunities for substantial practical experience across North Tyneside's partner schools.

All trainees have a professional guidance tutor to support them throughout the course, and all schools provide school-based tutors to offer additional support while trainees are on placement.

Graduates are awarded a PGCE Primary, validated by Northumbria University, with Qualified Teacher Status.

And because of the specialist nature of the training, North Tyneside SCITT graduates are highly sought after, especially by North Tyneside schools.

The North Tyneside SCITT partnership

The course is constructed around a partnership between schools in North Tyneside, North Tyneside Council and Northumbria University.

It is run by a partnership of over 30 North Tyneside primary schools, supported by North Tyneside Council's School Improvement Service Advisory Team and experts from schools and higher education.

This mix brings together a strong practice base, the expertise of the local authority advisory service and extensive classroom experience, to create an outstanding post-graduate programme for initial teacher training.

School Direct Alliance

North Tyneside SCITT is delighted to continue its close collaboration with New York Primary School and the North Shields Collaborative Teaching School Alliance. For 2021/22 we have a number of additional places, specialising in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, via our School Direct alliance. A small number of non-salaried School Direct places are available via New York Primary School (UCAS ref no. 1NB). Successful School Direct applicants will receive school and centre-based training through the North Tyneside SCITT.

Programme structure

The programme is structured around four distinct but inter-related modules. The various elements will enable trainees to meet all the standards for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

The four modules are:

- Reflective Primary Teacher
- Curriculum Studies
- Critical Curriculum Studies
- Educational Placements: Students will undertake two assessed placements in partnership schools in addition to their ongoing school based experience.

The primary focus

The programme will enable trainees to develop knowledge and skills in:

- Pedagogy in relation to learning of children
- The role of play and creativity in children's learning
- The holistic and integrated approach to learning
- Theory and research: psycho-social perspectives on childhood development
- Multi-agency working
- Roles and responsibilities within early years and primary teams
- The development and impact of national policies on early years and primary education
- Appropriate observation techniques to inform planning and assessment
- Reflective practice.

In addition, trainees will have opportunities for enhanced experiences that will enable them to make the best use of this distinctive, focused approach.

These will include:

- Observation of children in a variety of settings
- Access to the North Tyneside School Improvement Service Professional Development Programme
- Observation of children in other Key Stages across a range of schools in the partnership and beyond.

A key strength of the programme is that the practical and taught elements are strongly linked. Each week trainees spend time in schools in addition to assessed block placements; this enables the taught elements of the course to be firmly grounded in classroom experience.

Entry requirements

Applicants must possess a good honours degree (i.e. 2:2 or above) from a UK university or a recognised equivalent qualification upon commencement of the course. The applicant's previous education must provide the necessary foundation for work as a primary school teacher.

To that end, it is also a requirement that you have a grade C or above in mathematics, English language and a science subject, or equivalent qualifications (please contact the SCITT office for clarification as to which equivalent qualifications are accepted) prior to commencement of the course. We will also accept equivalencies from www.equivalencytesting.com. If you have studied for a new GCSE you will need to achieve a minimum grade 4.

Original certificates will be required as proof of qualifications.

As teaching involves working with children on a daily basis we strongly recommend that applicants have had at least five days recent and relevant experience of working with children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One or Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, prior to applying to ensure teaching is the right job for them. This experience will strengthen an application and should be detailed within the personal statement section.

When completing an application form applicants must include within their personal statement the reason(s) and motivation as to why they wish to teach primary aged children. We will also need details of all recent and relevant experience with children (i.e. length of time and dates need be included). We are particularly interested in experience gained with children in Foundation Stage / Key Stage One or Key Stage One / Key Stage Two.

A policy of equal opportunities is actively pursued. We welcome applications and enquiries regardless of gender, race, age, religion or belief, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

For further information and advice on the North Tyneside SCITT, please contact:

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Trainees are committed to:

- Ensuring that children's learning and wellbeing is at the core of their practice
- Being highly reflective and committed practitioners who consistently strive to improve their practice
- Meeting professional requirements as detailed in the Teachers' Standards and maintaining a high level of professional conduct throughout their training
- Constant development of personal subject knowledge and pedagogy

Assessment

The programme has no formal examinations. Instead, trainees are assessed by written assignments, and practical work in school. The final school placement represents a vital component of this assessment. The standards for Qualified Teacher Status require trainees to be successful in all areas, and from the outset each trainee is involved in auditing their own learning and setting targets for their own professional development.

Selection procedure

Candidates invited for interview are provided with an opportunity to visit a partnership school and meet school staff and tutors on the programme. School staff and tutors are members of the interviewing panels. There will be a short presentation and an opportunity to find out a bit more about our unique course in North Tyneside.

Trainees must be prepared to demonstrate their own suitability for an offer of a place.

Interview results are communicated as soon as possible after the interview takes place, but any offer of acceptance of a place is conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory medical report and police clearance.



Training venue and resources

The Langdale Centre

The formally taught elements of the programme will be delivered mainly at the Langdale Centre, Wallsend.

The Langdale Centre is a bespoke training and development centre and is located just off the A1058 Coast Road, in close proximity to the Silverlink Retail Park and within walking distance of Howdon Metro station.

It offers:

- Training rooms
- Conference hall
- Quiet areas for work
- Printing facilities
- Multimedia and IT equipment
- A SCITT common room where trainees can relax
- A high quality restaurant
- Free parking

All training rooms are equipped with a wide range of training aids, including:

- Multimedia projector
- Interactive whiteboard
- Wireless technology

The Langdale Centre is also the base for the North Tyneside Advisory Team and the consultants and inspectors of the North Tyneside School Improvement Service. This means these early years and primary consultants are on hand to offer trainees up to date research and training.

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I never fail to be impressed by the quality of the course, the expertise of the staff and the dedication and determination shown by the trainees. This is a very special PGCE that produces high quality graduates expertly prepared for their NQT year.

Tony Rigg, Headteacher,
Amberley Primary School

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Other resources

Free laptop

Laptops are provided to all SCITT students to support their professional development on the course. In addition, a range of ICT resources and software is available for students to access during their training year. The Langdale Centre has free WiFi access and students have free WiFi printing facilities to support their studies.

The North Tyneside Schools Library Service

The library is based at the White Swan Centre in Killingworth and is widely used by North Tyneside teachers and SCITT trainees.

Specialist staff can provide advice and help, as well as books, materials and project packs, to support your study and school placements.

Choose from novels, picture books, non-fiction, class sets, artefacts, resource packs, multi-media packs, language collections, story sacks, cloth books, big books, CDs, DVDs, interactive whiteboard resources and lots more.

School accommodation

Schools look forward to welcoming and training SCITT students every year. The schools ensure that study space is available to trainee teachers and that they have access ICT to facilities within the school.

Northumbria University

North Tyneside SCITT trainees have access to Northumbria University's Coach Lane Campus facilities nearby. Coach Lane Campus is four miles from the Langdale Centre and has a large library serving the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. The library offers extensive IT facilities including an on-line research facility and loans access.

100% of 2020 trainees were satisfied with the overall design, structure and content of the taught programme.



Financial information

The course tuition fee for the 2021/22 course will be £9,250. There is no training bursary award for Primary ITT courses for 2021/22.

For more information on fees and bursaries, please contact the SCITT office on (0191) 643 8855 or email scitt@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Financial support may be available for eligible applicants.

For general information on student finance, visit www.gov.uk/student-finance. The easy-to-use website includes tools to estimate any grants and calculate loan repayments.

How do I apply?

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All applications should be made via UCAS at www.ucas.com. If you need any help or guidance with your application, please contact the SCITT office.

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The lecturers on the course were amazing and they knew their stuff! With every lecture I felt I was gaining outstanding knowledge from professionals working in and around the teaching profession. I felt supported throughout the whole course and this gave me the confidence to feel ready for the teaching profession. I also gained superb knowledge on how to approach lessons and how to teach a class and, more importantly, how to bring the best of me to ensure the children would get the highest standard of teaching.

I feel hugely prepared for my first job in September. The course is led by a fantastic and approachable team who know the profession and are always on hand to support. I changed careers with the NT SCITT and I have no regrets! I absolutely made the right choice and I would make the same choice again in a heartbeat. I would highly recommend the NT SCITT course to any potential teachers

Paul Iveson, SCITT Graduate,
Teacher in North Tyneside

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North Tyneside is home to more award-winning beaches than anywhere else in the region, has a UNESCO World Heritage site in Segedunum Roman Fort (part of Hadrian's Wall) is a great place for shopping or a surfing lesson and provides easy access to the rest of Tyne and Wear.

A year-round events programme includes the annual Mouth of the Tyne Festival that attracts thousands of people and has seen Paul Weller, The Script and many more grace its stage. There are weekly markets in the restored Victorian Tynemouth Station, a number of food and drink festivals, one of the most scenic 10k Road Races in the UK and a Winter Festival featuring fireworks, Christmas Markets and a dip in the icy North Sea on New Year's Day!

There are popular attractions like Blue Reef Aquarium, St. Mary's Lighthouse and Wet'n'Wild Waterpark. We have award-winning ice cream and fish and chip providers, and also currently boast the best Bed and Breakfast in the region, after the Martineau Guest House in Tynemouth won Gold at the North East England Tourism Awards.

Our busy town centres offer many high street names alongside passionate independent retailers. Royal Quays Outlet Centre has big name brands at small prices and the Silverlink Retail Park is an attraction in its own right with a wide choice of the most famous names in fashion, homewares and furniture alongside an ODEON Cinema, Nando's and Bella Italia.

Tynemouth Village has a range of high quality places to eat and drink, including independent coffee shops and restaurants, along with stunning views of the River Tyne from Tynemouth Priory and Castle. There are also specialist retail businesses not found anywhere else in the region.

North Tyneside is not only a great place to live, work and visit, but is the gateway to the best of North East England.

With the vibrant city of Newcastle just a short Metro journey to the west (around 15 minutes) and the stunning countryside and small villages of neighbouring Northumberland to the north, basing yourself here offers real quality of life with access to a range of top days out and experiences on your doorstep.



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