

Frequently asked questions - School Direct Programme

1. What is SCITT?

SCITT stands for School Centred Initial Teacher Training. SCITT's can award Qualified Teacher Status (QTS); this qualification allows you to teach in England. We also offer a PGCE element which is from Manchester Metropolitan University.

2. What are the entry requirements?

All applicants need to have a degree (2:2 or above) and GCSE English and Maths (at Grade C or above).

3. My degree is not in the subject I want to teach, can I still apply?

Yes, but we would be looking to see if you hold an A Level within the relevant subject area, and you may be required, as part of your conditional offer to undertake Subject Knowledge Enhancement,

4. When and how can I apply?

We take all applications via UCAS. You can apply after UCAS Teacher Training opens in October, and we take applications usually up until the summer. We would however advise you to apply as early as possible just in case any of the courses start to close due to meeting the recruitment numbers required by the NCTL.

5. Apart from qualifications what else do I need to be able to apply?

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 when you commence training.

All trainees must complete the Numeracy and Literacy skills tests prior to the start of the course, there are various test centres round the country, and they do get booked up quickly. So we would recommend you get yourself booked in for your tests as soon as possible. Detail can be found via this link <http://sta.education.gov.uk/>

You will also need to have a DBS check which will be conducted by the SCITT.

6. Can I still apply if I haven't finished my Degree or I am taking my GCSE?

Yes, we will accept applications as long as your degree/GCSE will be completed before the course commences. Any offer made would be on condition of you passing these.

7. How much will the course cost?

Our fees are set at £9,000, this payment covers the award of QTS and PGCE. Most trainees fund their course fees via a loan from Student Finance or out of their Bursaries.

8. What financial support is available?

There are a number of bursaries available within certain subject areas dependant on your degree classification, more details can be found here

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview>

9. What does the interview day involve

All of the applicants invited to interview must teach a 30 minute lesson on a given subject (you will be advised of this at the time you are invited to interview). There will be a short literacy test and finally a formal interview.

10. Interested in applying for Buile Hill Visual Arts College SCITT?

If you would like to apply for the Buile Hill Visual Arts College Teacher Training programme then you can speak to Debra Gregory (SCITT Administrator)

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