

FAQs / Fees / Contacts

Q. Where can I find out about Initial Teacher Training

A. The Department for Education's "Get into Teaching" site has a wealth of useful information including details about their School Experience Programme.

Q. How much school experience do I need?

A. School Experience is not compulsory, but, ideally you would spend about a week gaining an insight into school life before you come to interview. Depending on the interview outcome, we may ask you to spend more time in school before beginning the course.

Q. How much are the tuition fees?

A. The fee for all the universities we work with is reviewed annually and is available on the DfE website. You may be eligible for a bursary. With salaried posts you would be paid as an unqualified teacher but you wouldn't be eligible for any bursaries

Q. I'm a recent graduate, can I apply for a School Direct Salaried role?

A. No. The GFM does not currently offer the School Direct Salaried route.

Q. Am I guaranteed a bursary regardless of what route I choose?

A. No. The Department for Education has more information on bursaries. Their value is dependent on the course you choose and your qualifications.

Q. I haven't got all the GCSEs that are needed for teaching, what can I do?

A. For more information on taking a GCSE and equivalency tests contact us directly.

Q. Can I do these courses part-time?

A. Currently, they are all full-time courses, please contact us to explore this further.

Q. I gained my qualifications outside the UK, am I still eligible?

A. Yes. You will need a statement of compatibility from UK ENIC.

Q. Am I guaranteed a job at the end of my training?

A. No you are not, but every year a substantial amount of our trainees are employed as ECTs, many in our GFM schools or local schools we work closely with.

Q. Will I gain masters credits?

A. At all the universities we work with for School Direct and PGCE, our trainee teachers complete their three assignments, gaining Masters credits.

Q. What personal qualities are you looking for?

A. A passion for teaching and giving children the best start. Working with young people is fun and fast paced. You'll have to think on your feet, be happy with change and be

ready for almost anything.

Q. I already have a lot of teaching experience, are there any other ways I can qualify?

A. If you have been working as an unqualified teacher in the UK for more than 2 years you may qualify for the Assessment Only route.

Q. What is your DfE Apply training provider code?

A. Our training provider code is 1AS.

Q. If I'm clear on which option I want to select, what should I do next?

A. Go to the DfE Apply site and put your application in. We look forward to hearing from you - you can begin your application immediately.

Q. I'm unsure about a few things. Is there someone I can speak to directly?

A. Yes – come along to our next open event to discuss all the questions that you may have. Alternatively, contact us directly at itt@gfm.org and your query will be answered by the relevant member of staff.

Fees and Finance

Depending on the subject and the route you choose, there may be a bursary available, or perhaps a scholarship. Also, your circumstances may mean you could qualify for student finance through the university to support your study. The 'Get into Teaching' website has detailed information which is updated in line with Government policy - link below.

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training>

For the School Direct route, the GFM works in partnership with Winchester University -

<https://www.winchester.ac.uk/accommodation-and-winchester-life/students-and-money/postgraduate-financial-information/>

We also work with local universities to offer placements for students pursuing the PGCE route -

<https://www.port.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/teacher-training/fees-and-funding>

https://www.southampton.ac.uk/education/undergraduate/fees_and_funding.page

<https://www.chi.ac.uk/institute-education/pgce-qualifications/application-advice>

In order to discuss any aspect of Initial Teacher Training please contact itt@gfmat.org

