
Introduction to Education and Training (IET)

Level 4: offered in partnership with the University of Chester.

Note – that this course has its own application, interview and selection process – please refer to details at the end of the following information.

What is the course about?

This single module course offers a practical introduction to teaching. It is designed for teachers, tutors and trainers who are either already teaching, or intend to teach, their specialised subject in post-compulsory education and training; this can include public, private and/or voluntary settings.

It is accredited by the University of Chester – 20 credits at Level 4 – and replaces the previously names 'Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector' (PTLLS) which was a 15 credit award at the same level.

Opportunity for progression: as this is the first module of the two year Certificate of Education in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (Cert Ed), trainees successfully completing this module can apply to be considered for continuation for the full two years to obtain the full Cert Ed award, or to re-join the Cert Ed in the following academic year, when credit will be given for the module already completed.

What are the entry requirements?

You must have:

An appropriate qualification in your intended teaching subject at Level 3 or above; or be working in an appropriate teaching or training context.

Level 2 (GCSE grade C, or above, or Functional Skills) in English/Literacy and Maths/Numeracy.

Computer literacy – able to use email, internet and a word processing package.

What modules will I study?

A weekly 3 hour session is offered with a choice (subject to numbers) of afternoon or evening attendance on Mondays.

Module: Introduction to Education and Training

The focus of this module is on the classroom environment and the key elements of the teaching and learning process. These elements include planning, delivery and assessment, linked to relevant educational theory and principles at an introductory level. Different teaching methods and learning resources are explored, including strategies to promote interest and learning, as well as approaches to the assessment of learning and achievement.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in two ways; by your ability to deliver and evaluate a successful 15 minutes 'Micro-teach' session to the group on a topic related to your subject area, implementing what you have learned from the taught sessions; and by a written assignment.

What are my progression and career options?

Trainees can complete at the IET (formerly the PTLLS award) and gain accreditation from the University of Chester. This award is recognised by employers as the minimum qualification requirement for a wide variety of teaching and training roles in the public and private sectors. Trainees can also continue to the full Certificate in Education.

Who should I contact?

All enquiries should be directed to Vance King, Programme Leader, by telephone on 648200 or by email to vance.king@ucm.ac.im

This course has its own application, interview and selection process. If you decide to apply, please request an application form and further details. Interviews are normally held around May for the course starting in September, followed by a selection process before any places are offered. Early applications are encouraged, so that advice can be offered on any area(s) needing action prior to interview.