

School Direct Training Programme

Would you like to train to become a Primary teacher in conjunction with Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance, and the University of Birmingham?

Applications are now open for a September 2020 start.

You can now apply via UCAS for a place on the year-long School Direct Primary teacher training programme. Placements will be in two/three of the schools within the Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance, and 26 days of the academic year will be spent at the University of Birmingham.

Is this the course for you?

We are looking for candidates with motivation, enthusiasm and a clear rationale for teaching. It is important that students are committed to teaching as a long-term career, and also hold the relevant academic profile and intellectual capacity. We would like candidates to have a strong subject knowledge, relevant school experience, and be responsible, open-minded and show a professional level of maturity. An awareness of contemporary educational issues would be an advantage. Effective spoken and written Standard English, having equal opportunities awareness and possessing appropriate ethics and values are also of prime importance.

About the course:

Students on School Direct primary routes at schools partnered with the University of Birmingham will undertake a Postgraduate Certificate in Education with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) which will provide 60 credits contributing to Masters level. As part of the programme, students will spend around 26 timetabled days within the academic year at university. The remaining time during the academic year will be at two/three schools within the Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance. Following successful completion of the 60 (level 7) credit PGCE (QTS) year, students may then opt to progress onto the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching Studies and then the MA in Teaching Studies with the University of Birmingham. Students who have completed the 120 credit PGDipEd (QTS) year may progress directly onto the MA in Teaching Studies. For more information visit:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/school-direct.aspx> or
<https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/course/2JA/39KP>

The interview process:

Applicants should apply through UCAS and the application will firstly be considered by the university. If a candidate passes this stage, they will then be invited to interview. This is likely to be held at a school within the Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance. The interview process is likely to include a formal interview, a mathematics and English test, and may also include a school based task. The interview panel will then make a recommendation to the University surrounding an offer. All offers will be made via UCAS.

How school placements work:

Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance spans across two Multi Academy Trusts; there are eight schools within the two MATs and all schools are based across the Wolverhampton/South Staffordshire area. Placements will be within two/three of the eight schools. Candidates will teach pupils across the 3-11 age range and students will be based according to their suitability for the school/year group. Across the year, we will endeavour to ensure students experience schools of varying sizes/profiles and different year groups/Key Stages. It is the candidate's responsibility to travel to each school and to the University of Birmingham when required.

Course length and fees:

Course length: 1 year, beginning September 2021

Course fees: £9250

Information about student support for postgraduate students at the University of Birmingham can be found at <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/index.aspx>

Qualifications needed:

All entrants must have achieved a standard equivalent to a grade 4 in GCSE examinations in English, Mathematics and Science. All entrants must hold a degree of a UK Higher Educational Institution or an equivalent qualification. This should be of at least a 2:1 classification but we will also consider applicants with a 2:2 degree who have a strong overall profile.

Other requirements:

Before taking up a place, all applicants must complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, agree to abide by the University of Birmingham Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practice and complete relevant checks to ensure they have the health and physical capacity to teach. Experience in a primary school may be set as a condition following interview.

About the Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance:

Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance was formed in 2015. Elston Hall Primary School is an Ofsted Outstanding three form entry school, and leads the Elston Hall Multi Academy Trust, which also contains Palmers Cross Primary, Edward the Elder Primary and Goldthorn Park Primary. St Bartholomew's CE Primary School is also an Ofsted Outstanding establishment, and leads the St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust, which also consists of St Benedict Biscop CE Primary School and Woodfield Primary School. All Saints CE School (Trysull) are due to join the MAT this academic year. All schools are within the Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire region. Both lead schools work together to deliver Continuous Professional Development to professionals across the city and beyond. Trainees across the Alliance are extremely well supported by their school-based mentors, and we have a 100% success rate of Newly Qualified Teachers passing their NQT year. Working within the Alliance gives students have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of settings across the city, from one form entry schools, to schools with 700+ pupils. Both MATs also have a strong reputation of 'growing their own leaders' with many previous NQTs now in middle and senior management positions. Recently Qualified Teachers (RQTs) are also given a tailored programme of support.

About the accredited provider:

The School of Education at the University of Birmingham has a long tradition of delivering ITE courses. Its teaching has been graded as 'outstanding' for the third consecutive time by Ofsted inspectors which reaffirms the University's status as one of the UK's leading institutions for excellence in teacher training. The University of Birmingham partnership has worked to co-develop the programmes for School Direct and Apprenticeships. The quality of both the programmes and the newly qualified teachers that enter the profession as a result of it are critical to all partners involved.

Training with disabilities and other needs:

Elston Hall and St Bartholomew's Teaching School Alliance supports an inclusive vision. Where needed, we will make reasonable adjustments to support disabled job applicants and employees. We will ensure disabled people can overcome any substantial disadvantages they may have doing their jobs and progressing in work. We want to make sure that all our students get the most from training with us. By telling tell us about your disability as early as possible, we can identify any support that you might need. Information about disability access for postgraduate students at the University of Birmingham can be found at <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/disability/index.aspx>

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UCAS Information

Accredited provider: University of Birmingham

Course offered QTS full time

Qualification PGCE and Qualified teacher status

Course length 1 year

Date you can apply from 8 October 2020

Training provider code: 2JA

Training programme code: 39KP

Route: School Direct training programme

Subjects: Primary

Mode of study: Full time