

# Course summary

## PGCE Primary with QTS

The Primary PGCE is an initial teacher training and education course, designed to empower you to become a confident and competent qualified teacher.

Rated as Outstanding by OfSTED (2023) the University of Worcester has a long-standing reputation for training excellent, highly employable teachers. Personalised academic and professional tutoring, from a range of experienced tutors and mentors, ensures that you will be supported throughout your course and in transition from trainee to an early career teacher.

The Black Pear Teaching Alliance is a regional training hub, accredited by the University of Worcester, that offers a personalised approach to teacher training.

With 60 credits at Master's level, the Primary PGCE can open doors to further study and other employment opportunities. 120 days are spent teaching in schools plus additional days which focus on very specific teaching skills.

School experience is a substantial and integral part of the course and you will have school experience visit days and block placements in terms 1, 2 and 3. The full-time course is 36 weeks in total. 24 weeks will be spent in partnership schools. In addition, up to 8 days will be spent in schools focusing on specific teaching skills.

The University of Worcester will provide you with a School Experience Tutor and you will have a school-based mentor. The Black Pear Teaching Alliance prides itself on providing a broad package of support for trainees; on-going support is also provided by the Black Pear Teaching Alliance Lead Mentor (Specialist Leader of Education).

The University of Worcester has co-designed the curriculum with the Black Pear Teaching Alliance, aspects of which will be delivered by the Black Pear Teaching Alliance in addition to training at the University of Worcester (St John's campus - WR2 6AJ). The University of Worcester will make the academic award.

We strongly recommend that you arrange a school visit or come to one of our open days prior to applying for the course. If you would like to discuss this or find out more about the course, please telephone The Black Pear Trust, Hollymount School on 01905 23159 and ask for the Black Pear Teaching Alliance or email [ITT@blackpeartrust.org](mailto:ITT@blackpeartrust.org)