Post-Primary
Ireland
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January 2016
Where & When? Ireland- Professional Masters in Education (PME) 2 year f/t

Post-primary teaching

Mon-Fri
- TCD- apply direct- 15th Feb 2016
- NUI Colleges- apply www.pac.ie/pme -1st Dec 2015 (late 17th Feb 2016)
- UL

Flexible learning
- Evenings- DCU- apply direct or through PAC for DCU- usually early December
- Blended- Hibernia College- apply direct- Spring & Autumn
How? Application form NUI & TCD- key headings

Need your PPS number (NUI applications)
Course preference (NUI applications)
Teaching Council- PME Subject Declaration Form
Undergraduate Applicants
– Overall percentage mark NOT ERASMUS
– Certified copy of statement of results
Postgraduate qualifications
Other relevant qualifications holders of undergraduate diplomas/ certificates at least 1 yr f/t or 2yr p/t
Relevant professional experience
References (TCD application)
CV (TCD application for placement purposes only)
NOTE: NUI submit hardcopy information; TCD upload online
Learning to Teach in England
Why England?

Access - Teacher Shortage

Employment – 87-90%

Funding – bursaries and loans

Qualification – Route to a Full Masters in SOME universities e.g. Edgehill & St. Marys University, Twickenham

Dual Application

Closing date- Apply 2- Sept. 2016
## Eligibility Scholarships & Bursaries - England & Wales

[https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding)

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2. Scholarships  
3. Other  
4. Languages  
5. Primary maths  

² Scholarships include England & Wales  
³ Other includes England & Wales
Why a University-based PGCE vs SCITT, Salaried?

Achieve QTS and a PGCE

Quality assured

Balance (School and University)

Expertise

Peer Support

Masters credits
How to Apply

Get into school, make an informed decision

UCAS – www.ucas.com

Check entry requirements

Opens in November – 40 days to offer + 10 days to accept

Dual Application – Home and Away

Line up your referees
You will need:

Good honours degree (minimum 2:2)

GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or equivalent. Leaving Cert Grade C3 (Ordinary Level)

For Primary Teaching a Science Subject is also required

Demonstrate an interest in teaching

Competence in ICT

School Experience - usually 10 days observation (minimum). Some universities will require you to undertake this school experience in a UK school.
QTS Skills Tests

• Key skills which test applicant’s core skills - competency in numeracy and literacy.

• Usually applicants are required to pass tests prior to Interview.

• Tests are computerized. You will know the result straight away.
Skills Test

• Tests can be practiced online at home
• Two chances to pass
• Failure twice = no re sit permitted for 2 calendar years
• Tests are computerized, 150 centers across UK
• There are currently 6 test centers in Northern Ireland
  
  www.pearsonvue.com/ta/locate/

• Tests can be practiced online at home as many times as required
  
  www.education.gov.uk/teachskillstests
How do I Apply?

England and Wales- Apply through UCAS Teacher Training
www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training

Scottish courses- Apply through UCAS Undergraduate scheme
www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/login

Complete online application form.
Apply from late October 2015
Closing deadline- Sept 2016 - depends on the subject and university applied to.
Primary and some Secondary subjects fill-up quickly.
The Application Process

Apply online

References must be included

Acknowledged by UCAS Teacher Training

Application sent to your selected universities (3)

Decision to interview or not

If “Yes” may lead to offer of a place
Personal Statement

Describe briefly your reasons for wanting to become a teacher

Previous school experience e.g. work placement in school (not necessarily teaching), games coaching, one to one tuition, voluntary work etc

Good Subject Knowledge

Realistic expectations

Awareness of current trends in education
The Interview

Usually half day event

Possible Tasks
– Presentation

Subject knowledge check

Individual Interview
  - Commitment to teaching
  - Evidence of your school experience
Feel free to contact:

- Edge Hill University, University of Greenwich, Portsmouth University amongst others

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**Train to Teach in the UK PGCE Drop-In Information Session**

**Wednesday 27th January, Dublin Trinity City Hotel, 11am - 6pm**

Come along to one of Edge Hill University's PGCE drop-in information sessions. Edge Hill University, based near Liverpool, is the largest provider of Secondary PGCE programmes in the UK and second largest provider for Primary.

- St Mary’s, Twickenham, London (Strawberry Hill)

**PGCE Secondary**

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Key Reading for UK

Prospects.ac.uk for England & Wales

Applying for a PGCE http://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying_for_teacher_training.htm

http://targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/teaching-and-education

Teaching Advice, Where to Start
www.prospects.ac.uk/teaching_advice_print_version.htm

Teaching in Scotland: http://www.teachinscotland.org/

Finance: https://www.gov.uk/student-finance

Teaching Council: Teachers who qualify outside of Ireland