



Apprenticeship Route into Teaching at CTTC

The Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA) is a school-based training programme designed to allow individuals with extensive experience in schools to take the next step and become a qualified teacher.

Funded through the Apprenticeship Levy, this route allows trainees to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and a Level 6 Teacher Apprenticeship Qualification within one academic year.

The apprenticeship route is available for both Primary (3-7 and 5-11) and Secondary (11-16 and 14-19) trainee teachers.

Why CTTC?

CTTC is graded Outstanding by Ofsted (2024) and has 20+ years of experience in teacher training. As a local Consortium, we are run by and for local schools and CTTC works with 100+ schools in Essex and Suffolk. Training is delivered weekly in our bespoke training centre and is fully face-to-face, allowing trainees to interact and build relationships with their cohort and CTTC staff. Annual statistics show that CTTC trainees are highly valued by local schools and the percentage of trainees securing Early Career Teacher (ECT) positions is consistently high.

Structure of the course

Apprentices complete their practical training during one academic year whilst working in their employing school. At the end of the academic year, apprentices are assessed for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and complete an End Point Assessment (EPA), which is a requirement of the apprenticeship route.

During the training year, apprentices spend 4 days a week in school and 1 day a week attending CTTC for centre-based training. In the spring term, apprentices will spend 6 weeks in a second school placement. The second school placement is organised by CTTC.

Apprentices can teach up to 80% of a 4-day week timetable.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold:

- A degree, completed before the training starts
- A GCSE grade 4/C or above in Maths, or equivalent
- A GCSE grade 4/C or above in English, or equivalent
- For primary, a GCSE grade 4/C or above in Science, or equivalent

Applicants must have the right to work and study in the UK for the duration of the programme.

All shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview, where they will have the opportunity to teach or present a lesson; complete English and maths tasks and have a formal interview.

Funding

There are no fees for apprenticeship trainees. The fees (£9000) are paid by the school through their Apprenticeship Levy or through government co-investment if the school is not an Apprenticeship Levy payer.

Student Finance and maintenance loans are not available as the apprentice is paid a salary on the Unqualified Teacher Scale.

Requirements of the employing school

The school must:

- Employ the apprentice for the duration of their training year, paying them on the Unqualified Teacher scale
- Provide the apprentice with a timetable no more than 80% of a 4-day week
- Assign a school-based mentor
- Support the mentor to attend CTTC training relevant to their role
- Release the apprentice for a 6-week second school placement
- Support the apprentice during the Intensive Training and Practice (ITaP) element of the training, including releasing the apprentice for additional training and school visits (approximately 4 days during the academic year)

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