

Professional development opportunities

Develop and progress in your career

At the [Institute of Education](#) We have a wide range of opportunities available to support you and your colleagues professional development. These include our recently launched **Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship** and our established **Masters in Education**.

Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship

Train on the job while earning a salary

The Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship is a salaried route to Qualified Teacher Status. Open to applications with a start date this September 2025.

- Employer apprenticeship, levy funded
- 10-months (September – June)
- Available for primary, special or secondary schools teaching
- Free of charge for apprentices – provides a salaried route to teaching.

This new, salaried route to Qualified Teacher Status provides an employer levy-funded, salaried route into primary or secondary school teaching, and is free of charge for apprentices, allowing graduates to earn while they learn on the job.

The 10-month course runs from September 2025 through to the end of the following June, with a minimum of 20% off-the-job training throughout the year, meaning that apprentices get the best of university-led training alongside being embedded in school. Tuition fees are covered by the levy, and there is grant funding for schools to cover the salary costs of Apprentices in several subjects at the secondary age-range.

Candidates can apply to train for a range of secondary subjects, or follow a general primary, 3-7 or special educational needs (SEND) pathway for our primary programme.

In order to be accepted onto the programme, candidates will need to be employed in a school committed to putting them through an Apprenticeship on the unqualified teacher pay scale and meet the usual ITT entry requirements, as well as having been resident in the UK for at least three years.

We have two information webinars coming up soon:

- For potential apprentices: Wednesday 25th June 4-5pm
- For employing schools: Thursday 26th June 10-11am



Please complete the Expression of Interest at <https://forms.office.com/e/dAV8jeMA80> to ensure that we can keep you informed, or email pgta@reading.ac.uk for more information and links to the webinars. We are happy to meet with individual school leaders to talk through their individual context and how the programme might work for their school.



Master's in Education

Are you looking for an opportunity to invest in yourself and your practice? Whether you are at a crossroads in your career or want the opportunity to rethink your practice, our experts will help you to challenge your thinking as well as consolidating what you already know.

Based on the university's historic London Road campus, offering excellent teaching resources and a peaceful place to study, our MA Education programme is made up of a diverse student body. Students always say this is a highlight of the course as they get to learn more about new cultures and different education systems.



*100% of our students said they were satisfied with their experience overall. (Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey 2023.)

What and how you will study

The MA Education presents students with an exciting range of topics and research pathways to explore:

- Early years
- Inclusive education
- Leadership & management
- Creativity in education

The programme will strengthen your academic practices, research and analytical skills and allow you to engage in the academic literature and study that you are most passionate about.

Our research informed approach will help you to both reflect and move forwards in your practice. You will have the opportunity to take part in your own research and see the impact it has for yourself.

A flexible learning experience

We are aware you will need to combine your study with other responsibilities. There are a variety of routes, including a part-time option enabling you to study alongside work. We use a range of modes of study to suit the wide variety of learners that we have.

How to apply

To apply for the course and find out more visit the MA Education course page

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/2025/education-pg/ma-education>

You can also contact the programme director, Simon Floodgate s.floodgate@reading.ac.uk

"Studying part-time on the MA in Education has allowed me to develop my academic skills alongside my role as a primary school teacher. The structure of the part-time route meant modules could be spread over several years and every semester includes modules that take place in early evenings which is incredibly useful so working professionals can still attend modules they are interested in. This flexibility combined with ongoing support from tutors meant I could fully engage with my studies at a steady, manageable pace. I have valued the opportunity to enjoy my academic studies without it conflicting with my professional responsibilities."

Part-Time MA Student, April 2025