



University of Reading Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship

Train on the job while earning a salary

The [Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship](#) is a salaried route to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), with a start date of September 2026. The programme is an employer apprenticeship, funded through the apprenticeship levy, and is free of charge for apprentices. It provides an opportunity to earn a salary while completing initial teacher training.

Key features:

- 10-month programme (September–June)
- Available for primary, special and secondary school teaching
- Levy-funded employer apprenticeship
- Salaried route to teaching, free for apprentices

Apprentices are employed by a school on the unqualified teacher pay scale and complete a blend of university-led training and school-based experience. A minimum of 20% off-the-job training is undertaken throughout the year, alongside classroom teaching and mentoring in school.

Primary apprentices can follow a general primary, 3–7 or special educational needs (SEND) pathway. Secondary apprentices can train in a range of subjects aligned with other secondary teacher training routes. There is also an optional Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) available at Level 7, subject to an additional fee.

For more information, please visit our [website](#) or email: pgta@reading.ac.uk

MA Education

Invest in yourself and your professional practice

The University of Reading's MA Education is designed for education professionals who wish to develop their practice, deepen their understanding of education, or rethink their professional direction.

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

What and how you will study

The MA Education offers a range of pathways, including:

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

The programme strengthens academic, research and analytical skills and supports students to engage critically with educational literature and research. A research-informed approach encourages reflection on practice and supports students to carry out their own research.

A flexible learning experience

A variety of study routes are available, including part-time options, enabling students to combine study with professional and personal commitments.

Find out more: [MA Education - 2026/27](#)

Anti-racist Teaching in Schools – Free Online Course

Open-access online professional learning

Anti-racist Teaching in Schools is a free, open-access online course for teachers and school professionals who wish to develop confident, inclusive and anti-racist practice.



The course supports participants to reflect on how racism operates in educational contexts and provides practical tools to challenge prejudice, engage in meaningful conversations about race, and shape more inclusive curricula and school cultures.

The course can be completed over three weeks, with content released weekly. An optional FutureLearn upgrade is available, offering continued access to the course and a certificate on completion.

To access the course visit: rdg.ac.uk/antiracist-teaching

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