

Institute of Education, University of Reading



Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship

Train on the job while earning a salary

The [Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship](#) offers a salaried route to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), starting in September 2026. Funded through the apprenticeship levy, the programme is free for apprentices and provides the opportunity to gain classroom experience while completing initial teacher training.



Key features:

- 10-month programme (September–June)

- Available for primary, special and secondary school teaching
- Levy-funded apprenticeship for employers
- Salaried route into teaching with no tuition fees for apprentices

Apprentices are employed by a school on the unqualified teacher pay scale and benefit from a combination of university-led training and practical school-based experience. Throughout the programme, apprentices complete at least 20% off-the-job training alongside classroom teaching and mentoring support in school.

Primary apprentices can choose from general primary, 3–7, or special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) pathways. Secondary apprentices can train across a range of subject specialisms aligned with existing secondary teacher training routes.

An optional Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is also available for an additional fee.

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