

New Alternative Routes into Teaching

The Graduate Teacher Programme will no longer be available in Wales from Sept 2020. The Open University in partnership with the consortia and the Welsh Government can offer two alternative routes into teaching – a salaried PGCE and a part time PGCE. Both routes include a combination of online and face-to-face sessions with mentors and practice tutors. They also include 120 days of practical experience across two schools.

SALARIED ROUTE (FULL-TIME)

If you already work at a school as a teaching assistant or in a non-teaching role, you can apply for your school to sponsor your study. You'll need to get agreement from your school to apply for this route. You will study for your PGCE around your existing school duties as part of your full-time employment in a school and your costs of study are covered by a training grant from the Welsh Government. You can still apply for the salaried route if you don't work in a school, but you'll need to have a school willing to sponsor you, which we could help you find.

PART-TIME ROUTE

If the salaried route isn't right for you, there is a part-time option available. It's ideal if you want to study your PGCE around your current job or other life commitments. This route can be self-funded or you can apply for a student loan and part-time maintenance grants to help with the costs.

Courses are available for PGCE Primary and PGCE Secondary Science, Welsh and Maths.

Candidates can apply at www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/wales/pgce

For further information or to discuss the new routes please contact Sharne Watkins at OU.PGCE@cscjes.org.uk or Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk

Further information about the alternative Routes to teaching can be found on the following

Further information:

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