

Overview

Programme Code	35406
Programme Title	Secondary Education
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	PGCE/PGDE
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Programme Leader	Heather Hatton
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Postgraduate Certificate in Education - PE	See Learning Outcomes Below

Alternate Award Names	
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External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement	
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Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	1 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme

To provide opportunity for its students to achieve Qualified Teacher Status in the Secondary school context. To produce competent teachers who have a positive impact on learners and their progress. To develop informed and knowledgeable teachers, espousing creativity and research informed teaching through deliberate practice. To enable students to access, assess and apply educational research in the classroom. To develop students' critical reflection within the field of education and schooling, through analysis, synthesis and evaluation of evidence and practice. To provide opportunity for students to achieve their full academic potential at Level 7, through study encouraging self-motivation, self-awareness and application of initiative. To encourage an appreciation of the broader cultural, social and political context in which schools operate. To encourage social justice and develop practitioners with moral purpose. To build resilience and facilitate students to actively develop their intrapersonal and interpersonal intelligence. To encourage professional accountability informed by an understanding evidence based practice. _____ Alternative Exit / Interim Award Learning Outcomes - Certificate of Professional Development with recommendation for QTS Secondary: A student who is eligible for this award will be able to: Critically reflect on learning and teaching through the successfully completion of the placement experience in a LJMU Partnership school. Critically evaluate evidence of learning and teaching against national teaching standards. _____ Alternative Exit/Interim Award Outcomes - Postgraduate Certificate in Secondary Education Studies: [PGCert non QTS] A student who is eligible for this award will be able to: Critically engage with research, policy and practice in relation to education and schooling. Critically reflect on learning, teaching and assessment, demonstrating contextual awareness of the field of teaching. Evaluate learning, teaching and assessment to inform planning and promote pupil progress. Critically reflect on the impact of practice on the inclusive classroom, demonstrating ethical and socially responsible practices.

Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Demonstrate relevant and thorough professional, subject and pedagogical knowledge.
PLO2	Evaluate learning, teaching and assessment in order to inform planning and promote pupil progress.
PLO3	Critically analyse and synthesise contemporary educational issues, and educational theory, policy and practice.
PLO4	Critically reflect on the impact of practice on the inclusive classroom, demonstrating an ethical and socially responsible commitment to equal opportunities.
PLO5	Demonstrate professional accountability and reflective, evidence informed practice.
PLO6	Demonstrate ability to successfully identify and address current and future training needs.

Programme Structure

Programme Structure Description

The target award for the programme is the Post Graduate Certificate in Education Secondary with recommendation for QTS. This programme is for those who wish to train for a career in teaching and to gain an award at level 7. Option modules: 7118DBEC Becoming a Professional Teacher (20 Credits) – standard QTS PGCE route 7518EDU Education and Schooling (20 Credits) – Non-QTS PGCert route Core module: 7218DREF Reflecting on Teaching and Learning (40 Credits) Students can be recorded as recommended for QTS with the Department for Education (DfE), following the Board of Examiners, on successful completion of 7118DBEC (linked to the Placement Experience). The target award of Postgraduate Certificate in Education Secondary (PGCE, with recommendation for QTS) will be awarded where students complete the following modules: 7118DBEC Becoming a Professional Teacher (20 Credits) 7218DREF Reflecting on Teaching and Learning (40 Credits) Students must pass module 7118DBEC to be recommended to the national awarding body for the award of QTS. All students must demonstrate that they have met all requirements for QTS as set out in the current relevant national requirements in order to be recommended for QTS. The Placement Experience procedures, on the LJMU Placement Website, outline the expectations of the LJMU Partnership to meet the competency requirement (Teaching Practice) for this module. An alternative exit award of Postgraduate Certificate in Secondary Education Studies (PGCert, without recommendation for QTS) may be awarded where students complete the following modules: 7218DREF Reflecting on Teaching and Learning (40 Credits) 7518EDU Education and Schooling (20 Credits) An alternative exit award of Certificate of Professional Development Award with recommendation for QTS (CPQ) can be offered to students who pass 7118DBEC (linked to the Placement Experience), achieving 20 credits.

Programme Structure - 60 credit points	
Level 7 - 60 credit points	
Level 7 Core - 40 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 7218DREF Reflecting on Teaching and Learning Approved 2022.02 - 40 credit points	
Level 7 Optional - 20 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 7118DBEC Becoming a Professional Teacher Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7518EDU Education and Schooling Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	

Module specifications may be accessed at <https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx>

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Teaching: Lectures, workshops and seminars develop the students' skills in listening and processing research, guidance and technical information; and enable students to develop conceptual and procedural knowledge, to work in groups to explore, speculate and evaluate, engaging with problem finding and problem solving activities. The students are encouraged to interact during workshops and seminars to reflect on experience and co-construct their understanding of pedagogic and professional matters. All modules in the programme emphasise evidence-based practice for teaching in the school context, involving students in a significant placement experience in more than one school throughout the programme. They are supported by school-based mentors, who meet with them regularly for discussion, reflection, feedback on their progress in the classroom and wider school context. LJMU tutors support and facilitate students and their mentors on placement. Learning: Students are strongly encouraged to discover information for themselves and take responsibility for their own learning, making full use of the Library and interactive online learning opportunities. An element of school-based learning is compulsory and this will involve: structured lesson observations, supporting learners and teachers; team and solo teaching; including independent planning and evaluation for teaching, learning and assessment. Assignments are set regularly with fixed deadlines and the use of information and communication technology (ICT) is expected, including the use of email to communicate with tutors whilst on placement and interaction with online materials in the virtual learning environment (VLE). Verbal and written feedback on assignments and teaching fosters reflection, self-awareness and independent learning. Lectures, workshops and seminars encourage students to reflect, articulate thoughts and opinions and ask questions. Some group work is undertaken through task-based discussions and group presentations. Assessment: All students receive general and module specific academic guidance, with specialist induction on the identification, location, and use of material in the Libraries and alternative local and non-local sources. Guidance on the aims, structure and marking of assignments is incorporated into module sessions and documentation. The grading criteria are published in the module guides. Indicative and essential readings are included in module guides. Formal evaluation of conceptual and procedural knowledge through written and verbal communication, engaging with research, reflection and observation. Students identify, record and present evidence of their competence in teaching.

Opportunities for work related learning

Opportunity for a minimum of 120 days of placement experience will be provided in secondary schools, or in other educational settings. Placement based training follows the LJMU Partnership arrangements for initial teacher education (ITE), to meet the requirements of the national professional standards for teachers required to be recommended for qualified teacher status (QTS), as defined by the Department for Education (DfE).

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Relevant work experience	significant experience in a school or other employment context
GCSEs and equivalents	GCSE English Language and Mathematics at grade 4/C or above (plus a Science subject for Primary programmes) - Level 2 numeracy and literacy are not accepted
IELTS	IELTS score 7.0 (Minimum 6.5 in each component)
Undergraduate degree	a minimum 2:2 honours degree (some Lead Schools will require a 2:1). You should check the individual requirements on DfE Apply.

RPL	RPL is not accepted on this programme
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Extra Entry Requirements

a demonstrable interest in teaching within the curriculum area. You could show this in a number of ways – time spent in schools, knowledge of the chosen curriculum area, relevant practical experience

a school willing to employ you as an unqualified teacher while you train

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a selection event, normally at the employing school

All offers are conditional on applicants meeting the Department for Education's standards for physical and mental fitness to teach and clearance to work with children with a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Disclosure

Deferred entry for the next academic year is not accepted for this programme

If you want to teach a certain subject but have an insufficient level of subject knowledge in your degree, why not consider a fully funded subject knowledge enhancement course? You may still be able to train to teach your chosen subject and be eligible for the Bursaries it attracts. See the [Get into Teaching](#) website for details.