

Frequently Asked Questions

[Why train with the OIE?](#)

[What financial support is available?](#)

The tuition fees for a PGCE course with us are £9250 which is the amount charged by the vast majority of providers who offer a PGCE as well as QTS; tuition loans are available to cover this cost.

Bursaries and scholarships are available for teacher who apply to shortage subjects and you can earn up to £30,000 tax-free whilst you train.

Further information from the Department of Education's website can be found [here](#)

How do I apply?

Applications for the School Direct programme starting in September 2018 open on Thursday 26th October 2017.

Applications must be made through the [UCAS website](#)

What are the deadlines?

You can apply from Thursday 26th October 2017 – our deadline for final applications will be the end of the summer term in July 2018 but once all places are allocated, we will not be able to accept any further applications. So, we would advise you to apply as soon as you can because 'once they're gone, they're gone'!

As places are allocated, we will update availability on our website.

When are interviews held?

We aim to hold interviews at least once a week from mid-November. If you are successful, you will receive an email inviting you to an interview – interviews are held in one of our Outwood academies or one of our partner schools. You will be interviewed by a member of OIE staff and another senior teacher who is an expert in the relevant subject.

How often are we based in school and university?

You will be at Sheffield Hallam University every Friday for most of the first placement. There will also be regular training and development sessions held at Outwood Institute of Education on Thursdays. These work out as being approximately every other week. In addition to the Thursday sessions you will also take part in a number of twilight sessions throughout the year. The rest of your time will be spent in your placement schools.

What is the difference between a primary place and one for primary PE specialist?

For both of the above programmes, you will be trained as a primary teacher. For the PE specialist programme, you will have to undertake a summer school prior to the start of the programme with Sheffield Hallam University (dates are confirmed after Easter, but the summer school will usually cover the last three weeks in August and the first few days in September) – **attendance to the summer school is non-negotiable for the primary PE specialist programme**, so you should take this into account when applying. In your second placement, you will introduce PE into your training with support of your university tutors and placement staff.

When should I take the Skills Tests? How do I register?

You can book your skills tests once you have submitted your application through UCAS Teacher Training. You can book in advance of this as long as an application is submitted before you attend the test centre.

When you attend the test centre, you need to bring:

Two forms of identification – a primary ID such as a passport and a secondary ID; this can be, for example, a debit card

Proof of your teacher training application. The following can be accepted as evidence:

- a welcome email from UCAS Teacher Training
- correspondence from your school or university
- a copy of a completed UCAS Teacher Training application form
- confirmation of, or an invitation to, an interview from your school or university

For more information please visit [the DfE website for Professional Skills Tests](#)

Please contact us [here](#) if you have any other questions or would like more details of our School Direct programme.