Train to be an outstanding primary teacher, capable of teaching pupils across the entire primary age range, with specialist expertise in Physical Education;

Become an advocate for Physical Education and inspire children to enjoy learning;

Join an innovative, school-led programme and learn from specialist tutors and expert practitioners at the cutting edge of developments in education;

Benefit from high quality training through our excellent partnerships with schools and experience a variety of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes;

Develop your own interests and receive individual support to challenge you to make outstanding progress.

Successful completion of the programme leads to recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status.

The Government has targeted the presence of a Physical Education specialist in every primary school as part of a drive to increase healthy life styles.
The PGCE Primary Physical Education Specialist with QTS is a school-led programme which combines on-campus study with training in placement schools and settings.

You will train to teach across the 5-11 age range in Key Stages 1 and 2 and achieve the Teachers' Standards. The training experience is designed to fully prepare you for your first year as a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT).

During the programme, you will study all of the National Curriculum subjects and you will specialise in Physical Education in great depth. You will qualify as a Primary teacher who will also be able to bring a passion for Physical Education and excellent Physical Education subject knowledge to a first teaching post.

Successful completion of this PGCE will lay the foundations for you to become a leader in Physical Education, generating enthusiasm for Physical Education amongst children, and modelling and leading others in the development of enriching, engaging and challenging lessons.
What will I study?

The programme consists of four main elements.

- **Academic and Professional Development** – gaining knowledge of how children learn and how their needs differ, you will develop the core skills of planning, assessment, teaching and classroom management. You will also gain an understanding of the education system, consider the wider professional role of a teacher, and learn how to reflect upon and take responsibility for your professional development;

- **Curriculum Subject Knowledge** – working with expert tutors, you will acquire essential subject knowledge for the Primary National Curriculum. Exploring a range of teaching methods, including the use of ‘new’ technologies, you will be guided in how to provide children with stimulating, imaginative and effective learning experiences;

- **Specialism** – choosing Physical Education as your specialism will allow you to enhance and deepen your own knowledge of the subject, undertake action research projects in school, and further your knowledge and understanding of how Physical Education is taught and led in school. You will also develop a clear understanding of the needs of children who do not always have the love of physical education you may have, gaining an understanding of how to teach them effectively and give them the confidence to progress;

- **Weekend Conferences** – six weekend conferences provide an opportunity for deeper study of aspects of Primary Physical Education, including international and historical perspectives and research from the forefront of the subject.

How will I study?

A combination of seminars, tutorials and weekend conferences, together with practical, work-based learning in the classroom will give you the knowledge and skills you need to become an excellent teacher. A substantial amount of face-to-face contact time with specialist tutors will be facilitated across all Primary National Curriculum subjects. You will be supported by online and distance learning materials and encouraged to develop key skills, including the use of technology, to support your own learning.

You will also spend a significant amount of time in schools in a variety of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes during the programme. Over the length of the PGCE, you will progress from teaching small groups with a partner to teaching a full class on your own as you become more confident in the classroom. There are also frequent opportunities to observe outstanding teachers in action and learn from high quality training in schools.

Undertaking a range of differentiated training experiences that are closely linked to your individual targets, you will develop your role as a classroom teacher and assume greater responsibility for the class as you move through the programme.

How will I be assessed?

A balanced combination of coursework and observed classroom experience will be assessed against the Teachers’ Standards. You will also complete rigorous subject knowledge audits and checks to ensure you have outstanding subject knowledge.

Who will be teaching me?

You will be taught by expert practitioners including teachers who are specialists in Physical Education and primary education and who will model high quality practice to enable you to develop your own teaching style.

A Great Study Environment

The Faculty of Education has been at the forefront of teacher education for more than 130 years and today enjoys the enviable position of being one of the country’s leading providers of education, training and research for the children’s workforce.

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Education's facilities include a 300-seat lecture theatre, five well-equipped ICT suites, and 18 teaching rooms complete with the latest technology.

The Faculty has a strong commitment to practice-based learning and has developed partnerships with over 2,000 schools and colleges, local authorities and professional associations.
Modules

PGP4100: Reflection on Academic and Professional Development (30 credits)
Reflection on Academic and Professional Development develops your knowledge, understanding and use of reflection as a tool for developing your own practice. The role of a primary school teacher is challenging, complex and ever-changing. This module will enable you to develop as a resilient, reflective, critically analytical, pro-active primary practitioner. You will be supported in developing a range of skills, knowledge and understanding that will assist you in positively impacting on the learning, progress and well-being of the children you work with. The aim is for you to develop a positive attitude to your future continuous professional and academic development and to start to become a practice-based researcher in your own context.

PGP4107: Evidence-based Research and Leadership for Physical Education (PE) Specialist (30 credits)
Evidence-based Research and Leadership for Physical Education (PE) Specialist enables you to become a leader of teaching and learning within Primary Physical Education with the potential to drive improvement and school development in your subject. You will develop the ability to critically 'consume' current research, theory and policy documents using research methodology, validity and ethics. Focusing on the critical identification and reading of source material, you will produce a literature review on a specific aspect of PE relevant to primary education, gain confidence in accessing, evaluating and challenging relevant research findings, synthesise your findings to generate personal principles and perspectives, and apply these to classroom practice.

In addition to the above modules, the course features a range of non-modular activities, covering curriculum subject knowledge and professional practice. These activities will support you in the development of the professional skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes encapsulated in the Teachers’ Standards (Department for Education 2014).

Timetables

Timetables for your induction week are normally available in August prior to enrolment. You can expect to receive your timetable for the rest of the academic year during your induction week. While we make every effort to ensure that timetables are as student-friendly as possible, scheduled teaching can take place on any day of the week.

Disclaimer

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our published course information, however our programmes are subject to ongoing review and development. Changing circumstances may necessitate alteration to, or the cancellation of, courses.

Changes may be necessary to comply with the requirements of accrediting bodies, revisions to subject benchmarks statements, to keep courses updated and contemporary, or as a result of student feedback. We reserve the right to make variations if we consider such action to be necessary or in the best interests of students.
Entry Requirements

When you apply, you are expected to have:

- A commitment to, and understanding of, primary education, demonstrating the personal attributes, values and motivation required to train as a teacher;
- Suitable presentational qualities, including a good standard of written English.

Before the programme commences, you must have:

- A first, 2:1 or 2:2 honours degree from a UK university (or equivalent qualification);
- GCSEs at Grade C or Grade 4 (or equivalent qualification) in English Language and Mathematics;
- GCSE at Grade C or Grade 4 (or equivalent qualification) in Combined Science / Physics / Chemistry / Biology.

In addition, you will need A Level (or equivalent) in Physical Education or be able to demonstrate a commitment to sport beyond the classroom, such as a recognised sports award or elite athlete status.

Please note, for the purposes of initial teacher training, level 2 literacy and numeracy qualifications are not considered as equivalent to GCSE Grade C or Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics.

EU students can get country-specific information about the University’s entry requirements and equivalent national qualifications at www.edgehill.ac.uk/eu.

An academic reference is required for all students who have graduated in the last five years. An interview and subject knowledge tests form part of the selection process.

You are required to undertake Professional Skills Tests in Literacy and Numeracy prior to entry to this programme. Successful completion of the Professional Skills Tests will form part of the conditions of any offer of a place. Further details can be found at www.edgehill.ac.uk/skillstests.

If you accept a formal offer from Edge Hill University you will be required to meet the Department for Education’s standards for physical and mental fitness to teach and clearance to work with children. Further information, including a Declaration of Health questionnaire and details of how to apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure will be sent to you after you have firmly accepted an offer.

English Language Requirements

International students require IELTS 6.5, with a score no lower than 6.0 in each individual component, or an equivalent English language qualification.

If your current level of English is half a band lower, either overall or in one or two elements, you may want to consider our Pre-Sessional English course.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Edge Hill University recognises learning gained elsewhere, whether through academic credit and qualifications acquired from other relevant courses of study or through recognition of an individual’s professional and employment experience (also referred to as ‘experiential learning’).

Previous learning that is recognised in this way may be used towards meeting the entry requirements for a programme and/or for exemption from part of a programme. It is your responsibility to make a claim for recognition of prior learning. For guidance, please consult the University’s Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and contact the faculty in which you are interested in studying.
What are my career prospects?

Successful completion of this programme will allow you to gain a recommendation for QTS and progress into employment as a Newly Qualified Teacher in a primary school.

Our graduates obtain work in schools across the UK and abroad and we offer excellent support to help you gain your first teaching post. You will have an ability to teach in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 in primary schools, a strong knowledge of primary education, excellent Physical Education subject knowledge and pedagogy, as well as outstanding classroom skills, so that you meet and exceed the national standards for Qualified Teacher Status.

You will also have a thorough understanding of how to teach the primary curriculum in creative ways that excite and stimulate children whilst ensuring that they make good progress. In addition, you will have a deep knowledge of Physical Education and be well placed to take a leadership role in school. Skills in monitoring and managing your own development, together with an ability to reflect on alternative approaches to education, will help you to make informed choices and aid your career progression.

Our proactive Careers service can help you find job vacancies and offers in-depth advice on teacher job applications and interviews, to help you secure work.
Finance

Tuition Fees
If you are a prospective UK or EU student who will be joining this PGCE in academic year 2019/20, the tuition fee will be £9,250. Tuition fees for international students enrolling on the programme in academic year 2019/20 are £13,000.

If you are a prospective UK or EU student who will be joining this PGCE in academic year 2020/21, tuition fees are still to be announced. You are advised to check this page regularly and once the position has been confirmed we will update this information. Tuition fees for international students enrolling on the programme in academic year 2020/21 are £13,250.

Financial Support
Subject to eligibility, UK and EU students joining this PGCE in academic year 2019/20 can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from the Government to cover the full cost of tuition fees. UK and EU students enrolling on the programme in academic year 2019/20 may also be eligible to apply for additional funding to help with living costs.

For comprehensive information about the financial support available to eligible UK and EU students joining this programme in academic year 2019/20, together with details of how to apply for funding, please view our Money Matters 2019/20 guide at www.edgehill.ac.uk/pgcefinance2019.

Scholarships
Edge Hill University offers a range of scholarships with a competitive application process for prospective full-time PGCE students. These scholarships aren't linked to academic success and celebrate determination, talent and achievement beyond your coursework, for instance in creativity, enterprise, ICT, performance, sport or volunteering.

To find out more about scholarships, to assess your eligibility, and to meet some of our dedicated scholarship winners, visit www.edgehill.ac.uk/scholarships.
Apply

How to Apply

Apply online through UCAS Teacher Training at www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training.

Visit www.edgehill.ac.uk/applyucasteachertraining to find out more about the application process.

Further information for international students about how to apply is available at www.edgehill.ac.uk/applyinternational.

Should you accept an offer of a place to study with us and formally enrol as a student, you will be subject to the provisions of the regulations, rules, codes, conditions and policies which apply to our students. These are available at www.edgehill.ac.uk/studentterms.

Visit Us

University, the best way to gain an insight into student life is to discover our stunning campus for yourself by attending an open day. You can view dates and book your place at www.edgehill.ac.uk/opendays.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend an open day, you can find out more about all of our events for prospective students, including monthly campus tours, at www.edgehill.ac.uk/visitus.

Request a Prospectus

If you would like to explore our full range of PGCEs before you apply, you can order a PGCE prospectus at www.edgehill.ac.uk/pgceprospectus.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions about this programme or what it's like to study at Edge Hill University, please contact:

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International students should visit www.edgehill.ac.uk/international or email international@edgehill.ac.uk with any queries about overseas study.

If you are considering applying to study at Edge Hill