

What to expect on the iPGCE with iQTS

Why should I gain iQTS?

iQTS stands for "International Qualified Teacher Status" and is a UK-government recognised qualification. Once you successfully complete the iQTS qualification you will be automatically awarded 'QTS' which will enable you to teach in English schools and is recognised throughout the world. To achieve iQTS, you need to be able to demonstrate that you have met the iQTS Teachers' Standards:

iQTS Teachers' Standards
1) Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
2) Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils
3) Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge
4) Plan and teach well-structured lessons
5) Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils
6) Make accurate and productive use of assessment
7) Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
8) Fulfil wider professional responsibilities
Part Two: demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct

Our iQTS programme will support you to learn about effective teaching and demonstrate your achievement of these standards.

What are the benefits of an iPGCE?

iPGCE stands for 'International Post Graduate Certificate of Education' and is an academic award from the University of Chichester. When you study on our iQTS/iPGCE programme you will be expected to engage with the latest evidence and research about effective teaching and learning. The iPGCE recognises this engagement with research and demonstrates your achievement to prospective employers. An academic qualification, such as the iPGCE, is required to work in some countries. The iPGCE is worth 60 Level 7 credits and can be used towards further study for an MA degree. If you are considering applying for iQTS without an iPGCE, please contact us to discuss this route.

Why should I study for the iPGCE with iQTS with the University of Chichester

The University of Chichester has a distinguished 180-year history of delivering successful teacher preparation programmes

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How is the course organised?

The iQTS/iPGCE programme is a distance learning course and can be studied from any country. The course lasts for 36 weeks and is divided into three strands:

Professional Studies – where you will learn about the principles underpinning effective education, such as inclusion, equality and diversity

Curriculum Studies – where you will develop the subject expertise necessary to become a teacher in your chosen subject and phase of education

School Experience – where you will develop your competence and confidence as a teacher

What do I need to do in school?

You will need to be placed in a school for 36 weeks of the year. This can be a school where you are employed or where you are volunteering. The school will need to agree that you can spend one day per week studying on the iQTS programme (this will usually be one full day or two half-days – it is not practicable to do this course in shorter periods throughout the week). Each week you will be expected to spend a minimum of 15 hours in classrooms (teaching, observing, etc).

While you are in school, you will take increasing responsibility for the classes you teach as the course progresses. If you have previously worked in the school, you will start with the same level of responsibility that you had had

Your lead mentor will meet you online over Teams at least 6 times over the year. They will also review your weekly mentor meeting reports and give you feedback on your assignments or tasks. They will also observe you teach – this will be remote via our online observation system. The lead mentor and mentor will both watch you and discuss your progress and set you targets for the next phase of your development.

