



BISHOP
GROSSETESTE
UNIVERSITY

Teacher Training with QTS

Postgraduate



Why study at BGU?

We're one of only a handful of universities in the UK to have been awarded a TEF GOLD award for the excellent quality of our teaching

Our student accommodation has been ranked 6th in the UK by student reviews on WhatUni in a recent survey

97% of our students are in work or further study within 6 months of graduating, and our careers team will support you long after you graduate

Our self-contained campus is a safe and secure environment in which to live and study, and Lincoln is an extremely student-friendly city



Hello

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PGCE Primary at BGU

This PGCE programmes are offered on a full-time and part-time basis. They are very practical and will stimulate and challenge you. Around two thirds of the time is spent in schools, and around one third spent on partnership training in the University and school, supported by directed study. Practical teaching is introduced gradually, allowing you to build confidence and skills in a structured way.

All placements are part of the on-going assessment of the Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) standards and build up to longer placements. On the full-time programme, this is in the second and third terms and on the part-time programme in the second year. There are opportunities for enrichment experiences to develop your breadth of experience. Success on the course means you will have completed a postgraduate (with 60 credits at Masters level) or professional graduate qualification, have met all the QTS Teachers' Standards and

are ready to start the next academic year as a Newly Qualified Teacher.

These programmes help you to develop a range of approaches to teaching for learning; subject specific, cross-curricular and creative. Training focuses on effective planning, how children learn, how children are assessed to identify next steps for learning and the importance of your wider professional role. You'll carry out a series of school-based and directed study tasks which link theory to practice with an emphasis on your development as a critically reflective practitioner. You will be supported in your learning by university tutors, school teachers, school-based and University based mentors and your peers.

The part-time programme is particularly appropriate for graduate career changers or if you want to have a more gradual build-up in the amount of teaching that you do.



For full details of all of our courses, including combinations, module details, entry requirements and much more, visit bishopg.ac.uk/courses



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I've done two placements so far, one with a primary age reception class and the other focused on early years in a nursery. I've got one more to do which will be with a Key Stage 1 group, which is fantastic because it means I'll have gained a wide experience across a range of class types.

Qi
PGCE Primary

KEY FACTS

AWARD: PGCE

DURATION: 1 year full-time, 2 year part-time

START DATE: September

TYPICAL OFFER:
2:2 degree classification and we advise you gain some experience in school, but it is not a requirement for an application or interview.

INSTITUTION CODE: B38

PGCE Secondary at BGU

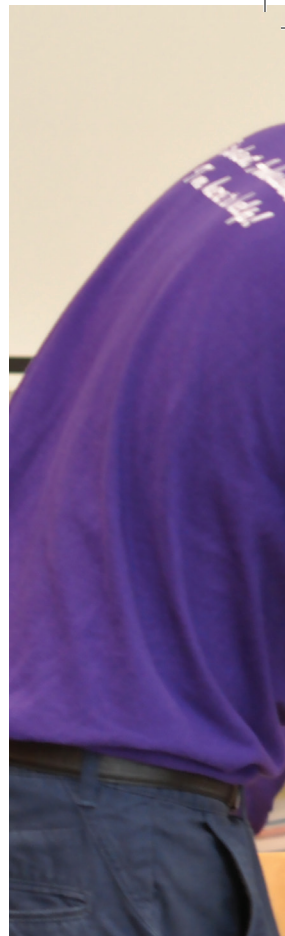
This PGCE course prepares you to teach your specialist subject in either the 11 to 16 (with post-16 enhancement) or 14-19 age phases. It is a very practical course with around two thirds of the time spent in schools; you will undertake two contrasting school placements of approximately the same length, as well as additional wider educational experiences. The remaining time is spent on directed study; with partnership training in the university and school as well as independent research. It is an integrated academic and professional preparation for teaching, combining study at either postgraduate or professional level with practical training.

Throughout your year of study, you will consider the broader aspects of teaching, contexts for learning, the latest government initiatives and contemporary issues in education. You will also explore all aspects of how to teach

your own specialist subject, how pupils learn in your subject area, how you need to assess them and how to keep abreast of new developments in both subject knowledge and pedagogy. You will learn how to plan and deliver topics in ways that include all types of learners in meaningful ways.

This course is demanding and stimulating. We aim for you to be prepared to take responsibility for your own learning, be open to creative and innovative ideas, and be competent, reflective practitioners both in your training year and beyond. Success on the course means you will have completed a postgraduate (with 60 credits at Masters level) or professional graduate qualification, have met all the Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Teachers' Standards and be ready to start the next academic year as a Newly Qualified Teacher.

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We get to spend loads of time on placement which is great as it is so valuable to our success. We also get a really good response from the qualified teachers we work with when we tell them we're training with BGU.”

Lucinda
PGCE Secondary

KEY FACTS

AWARD: PGCE

DURATION: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

START DATE: September

TYPICAL OFFER:
2:2 degree classification and we advise you gain some experience in school, but it is not a requirement for an application or interview.

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School Direct

The School Direct Training Programme is school-led initial teacher training. School Direct is available in primary and secondary schools across England and offers a training route to achieving qualified teacher status (QTS). Through our partnerships, there are training places available in a range of areas. Please visit www.bishopg.ac.uk/postgradteach for all the very latest information about which schools are offering places and in which subjects.

There are two separate School Direct training options: School Direct Training Programme (non-salaried): School Direct (tuition fee) programmes allow you to learn on the job as you work towards your Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) recommendation. In many ways your training will be similar to training on the

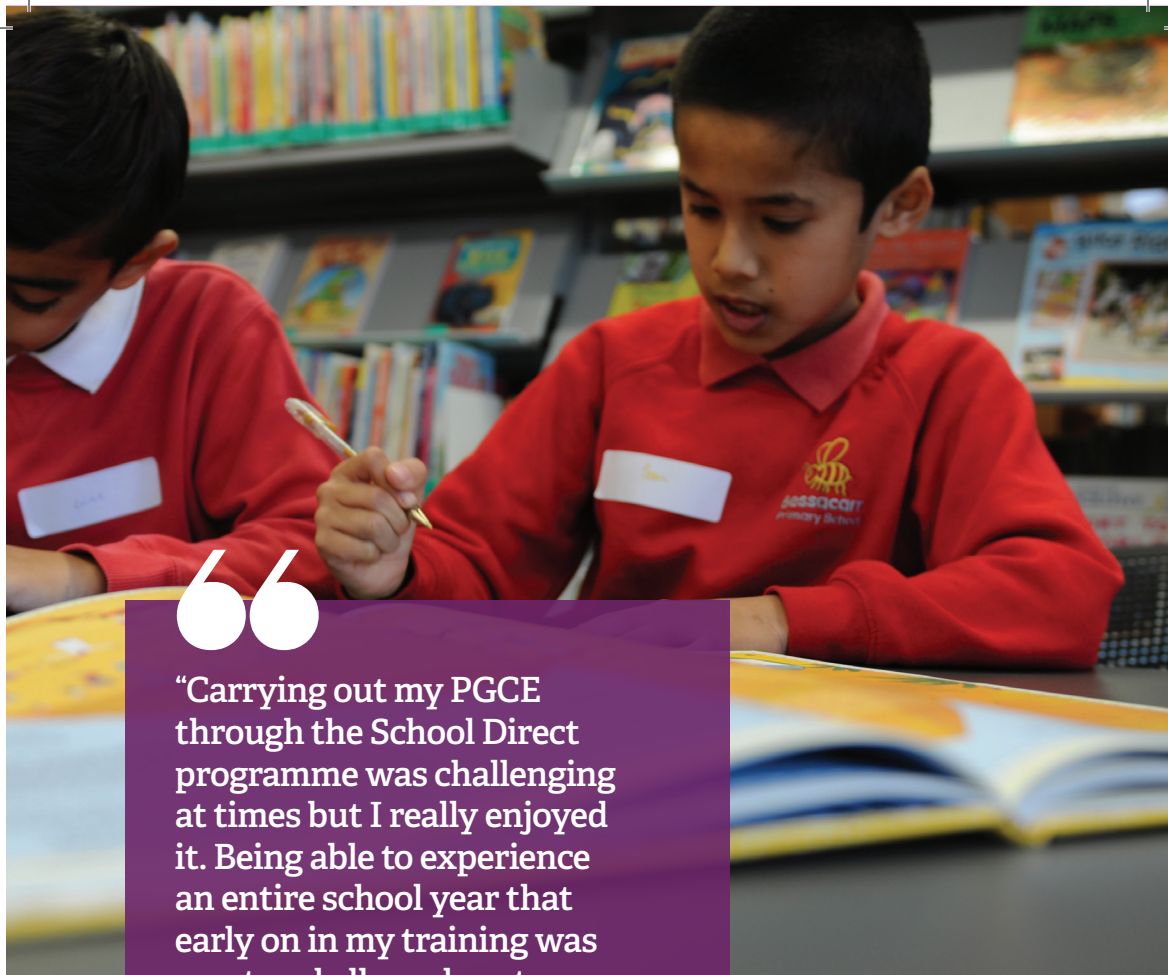
core PGCE programme at BGU except that you will spend much of your time in school in the same setting with a short placement in a contrasting school setting.

School Direct Training Programme (salaried): An employment-based route for high quality graduates, typically with at least three years' experience of transferable work history. You will earn a salary while you train towards your Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) recommendation.

As with the non-salaried route, your training is similar to the core PGCE programme at BGU except that you will spend much of your time in school in the same setting with a short placement in a contrasting school setting and you will have a high level of teaching responsibility from the outset.

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“Carrying out my PGCE through the School Direct programme was challenging at times but I really enjoyed it. Being able to experience an entire school year that early on in my training was great and allowed me to really understand how pupils learn and change across an academic year. Even though I was only in BGU one day a week I still had a great connection with my lecturers. They really encouraged me and provided time and support whenever I needed it.”

Justin

PGCE School Direct

KEY FACTS

AWARD: PGCE(with QTS)

DURATION: 1 year full-time

START DATE: September

TYPICAL OFFER:

a minimum of a 2:2 degree classification (in a relevant subject for Secondary).

INSTITUTION CODE: B38

What we offer

Delivery

There is no one-size-fits-all method of teaching at BGU – we shape our methods to suit each subject and each group. You will be taught in a variety of ways, from lectures, tutorials and seminars, to practical workshops and field visits. Small group seminars and workshops will provide you with an opportunity to review issues raised in lectures, and you will be expected to carry out independent study. School placements are obviously a key part of the PGCE.

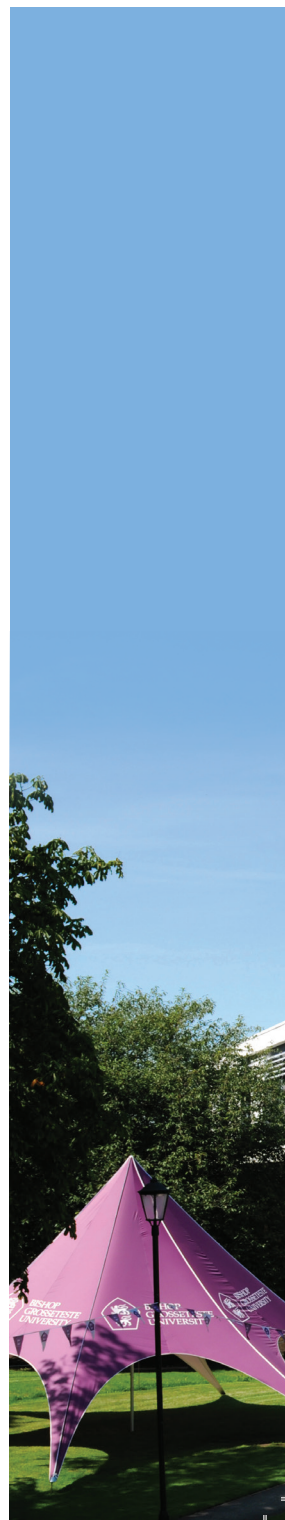
Assessment

Whilst in school you will gather evidence to demonstrate that you have met the Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Teachers' Standards. This evidence may include lesson plans, observations and evaluations or examples of pupils' work. The key to this is being able to identify and demonstrate that your pupils make progress in their learning.

The two academic assignments, studied at either professional or postgraduate (Masters) level, are integral to the course and allow you to explore and develop your teaching. Both assignments are assessed by submission of a written report or essay.

Support

Studying at BGU is a student-centred experience. Staff and students work together in a friendly and supportive atmosphere as part of an intimate campus community. You will know every member of staff personally and feel confident approaching them for help and advice, and staff members will recognise you, not just by sight, but as an individual with unique talents and interests. We will be there to support you, personally and academically, from induction to graduation.





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I chose BGU because they offered a part-time option for the PGCE which was essential for me as a mature student. I have had nothing but positive experiences with the teaching at BGU and I've always found the staff supportive, especially the library (on and off campus) that is such a valuable resource.”

Sally

Part-time PGCE Primary



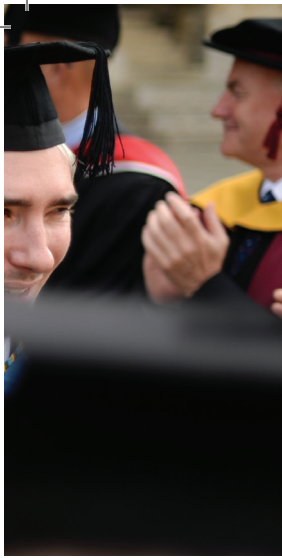
Your future

Our students have excellent rates of employability when they graduate from BGU, which is great news for you as it means that you can study for a degree knowing that your future is in safe hands. Our employability rates are extremely important to us here at BGU, which is why we offer placement opportunities as an integral part of our courses.

Most of our trainees secure teaching posts for the September following graduation with many being encouraged to apply for jobs in schools in which they have carried out teaching placements. This gives us great confidence in the quality of training we provide - head teachers are keen to employ BGU graduates because they have worked with so many

good and outstanding teachers who trained at BGU.

The teaching profession has a well-structured career pathway which moves progressively from initial teacher training through to newly qualified (NQT) status to qualified teacher. On passing your induction period, your career can escalate through to Leading Teachers, a Deputy Head teacher, and perhaps a Headteacher. Or you may decide to focus on other roles such as SEND Co-ordinator and also further develop your postgraduate studies to a full Masters - this course is ideal preparation for an MA in Education, and as a BGU graduate you'll be entitled to a fee discount – see our website for further details.



Take a look at
what qualities
and skills you'll
develop as a
BGU student
[bishopg.ac.uk/
graduate-attri
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My future plans are to work as a primary school teacher and staff have always supported me with this being the post course goal. Again I would credit my course peers as the most enjoyable part of my time at BGU but I should also credit BGU for enabling me to begin a new chapter in my life, which I am really enjoying.”

Sally

Part-time PGCE Primary



Why BGU?

Here at BGU we've been providing first-class education to students for over 150 years. We're based in the heart of historic Lincoln, a beautiful and extremely student-friendly city.

Navigating around Lincoln on foot is simple, from the cobbled streets uphill to the modern city centre and waterfront downhill.

We're located uphill on an attractive, leafy campus just a few minutes' walk from Lincoln's medieval Cathedral, Castle and Bailgate area.

With plenty of live entertainment, cultural attractions and nightlife hotspots, there's plenty to keep you entertained, uphill and downhill.

Visit [bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln](https://www.bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln) to find out what's on offer in Lincoln.



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BGU was always my first choice when considering universities. Everything about it is beautiful, from the leafy green trees to red brick buildings – and everything on the inside is just amazing.”

Sian

English Literature

As a single-site campus, just about everything you need is close by, whether it be your tutors, your friends, your lectures or the places in which you like to relax.

Our students are some of the happiest in the UK, which is incredibly important to us. We really care about our students and aim to support them all of the way through their studies, from application to graduation.

People often say that there's something special about BGU, that the people really care. There's a warm and friendly feel to life here, and we do everything possible to look after our students however we can.

Studying as part of a close-knit community, you'll get to know staff personally and feel confident in being able to approach them for help and

Explore what we have to offer on our campus at bishopg.ac.uk/campus

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I came here on an Open Day and really loved it. My first impression at the Open Day was that I really liked it because it was smaller – you go to some universities and they are really massive, scary big city campuses, but here I felt really comfortable.”

Hayley
Education Studies



advice. Staff will recognise you - not just by sight but as an individual with unique talents, interests and needs. We'll be there to support you, academically and personally, from the day you start until long after you leave.

Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods

of support for your future career. This, alongside our talented graduates, is one of the reasons that we consistently achieve impressive employability figures.

This is great news for you as you'll be able to study at BGU knowing that your education is in safe hands!

There's no better way to really get a feel for what BGU has to offer than by coming to visit us. To book your place now visit **bishopg.ac.uk/opensdays**



The family feel is exactly why people should study at BGU. BGU becomes your home regardless of your age or background. In fact, I felt such a connection with the University on my first visit that I went to five Open Days before I started my BA. I wanted to be part of BGU straight away and I know it will stay with me forever.”

Kate

Drama in the Community
& MA in Education

What happens next?

Open Days

So you've found a course you're interested in - what next? We feel very strongly that coming along to visit us on an Open Day is the very best way to find out everything about BGU.

A BGU Open Day is designed with you in mind, to give you a taste of what it's like to live, study and work here. We try to make everything as easy as possible for you, so you can relax and enjoy the day. You'll have the chance to explore the campus and surrounding area,

Speak to members of academic staff about the courses you're interested in, look around our accommodation, and get any questions you may have answered.

Book your place on our next Open Day now - visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays**

If you think you'd like to apply, need more information or just want to speak to somebody about your options, contact our Enquiries team by calling **01522 583658** or emailing **enquiries@bishopg.ac.uk**

Ready to apply? Brilliant. We can't wait to receive your application! For the majority of our courses you will apply through UCAS – visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk** for all the information you will need. And don't worry – if you need help with anything, from UCAS scores to personal statements, we're here to help. Our dedicated team are ready to answer your queries and questions.

The contents of this booklet are correct at the time of going to print (January 2020). For full and up-to-date information on all of our courses, visit **bishopg.ac.uk**

Where are we?



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I would definitely say that the staff make BGU different. Honestly, all the staff at BGU are amazing! They are not only professional but also very helpful and kind. The staff here are willing to do their best to help me. I remember once a teacher asked me the difference between BGU and the other university I went to in the past – I said ‘BGU is like a loving family’.”

Xian
PGCE

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