

Certificate in Education (Full-time)

The Certificate in Education programme of study (in partnership with Plymouth University) provides an opportunity to learn skills, knowledge and professional values necessary for a teaching career within the Further Education (post 16) and Skills Sector in an outstanding College.

Why choose this course?

This area of teacher training covers the teaching of academic and vocational subjects. The Further Education (post 16) and Skills Sector includes further education colleges, adult and community education, work-based training providers, offender learning and public sector organisations.

There are two routes to achieve the CertEd: full time and part time.

Full time

During term time you will be committed to a Monday – Friday week of academic study and professional practice.

You will undertake attendance at the Truro Campus for two full days each week.

You will spend up to three days each week in a professional practice placement (arranged by the College).

Your placement will be either at the Truro or the Penwith campus. Truro and Penwith College is a complex and dynamic tertiary college environment, providing high-quality support for our trainee teachers.

Part time

You will undertake class attendance of four hours each week (offered during the evening). The part-time programme is available at both the Truro and the Penwith campus.

You will undertake the equivalent of half a day's independent study per week.

Your placement can be a Truro and Penwith College or at another institution or company of your own choice provided the practice is for post 16. As a part-time student it is your responsibility to find your own mentor and practice hours.

The course gives you a nationally recognised teaching qualification suitable for teaching/training in the Further Education (post 16) and Skills Sector. Please contact Student Finance England (part of the gov.uk website) to see if you are eligible for funding.

What will I learn?

You will study four modules: 30 credits delivered at Level 4 and 90 credits at Level 5.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment
Investigating Theories of Learning and Teaching
Curriculum and Society
Wider Practice and Professional Development.

What will I need?

A level three qualification (or be able to demonstrate suitable expertise and specialist knowledge) in the subject area you wish to teach.

GCSE English at A - C and Maths at Grade C and above, or the equivalent in the National Test in Adult Literacy and Numeracy.*

Good information and communications technology (ICT) skills.

Applicants with overseas qualifications can check their compatibility with the UK equivalent through NARIC, who provide an advisory service.

If English is not your first language, you require:

iELTs at level 7 with 7 in all four components or GCSE in English Language at grade C or above.

Additional Information

Awarding Body:

Plymouth University

Full time:

Truro College

One year

Part time:

Truro campus or Penwith campus

Two years