

Get ready for PGCE iQTS Primary (5-11)

I hope that you are looking forward to starting your online distance learning programme. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto our **iQTS (PGCE) programme**.

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us, this includes some key policy documentation for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

You have a year ahead that will provide both challenge and reward; I look forward to meeting you and working closely with you across the iQTS (PGCE) programme.

Karen Williams

Programme Leaders

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 22 September for Starting Block which is your online induction and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into your online programme with the university and help you get to know your teaching team and peers on the programme through our various online platforms. We will help you to navigate our online software and platforms, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start.

Preparation

To help you prepare for the programme, you need to engage your school to ensure all key documents are completed. These documents include the partnership agreement and important safeguarding and criminal records checks. The list of actions you need to complete are all within the pre-course information documentation. Your compliance documents must be completed by 25th August 2025 in order to start the programme.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Key activities that will help you to prepare for your iQTS (PGCE) programme include familiarising yourself with the policy documents that our programme derives from. These include:

The Core Content Framework from the Department for Education in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-core-content-framework-for-iqts>

The Teachers' Standards from the Department for Education in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-qualified-teacher-status-teachers-standards>

The National Curriculum for Primary Education for key stages 1 and 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you start. Explore the [Library](#) webpages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

For this course, you should have access to the following software and equipment:

- A computer with Windows 10 /11 or Mac OSX 8.1 (or later).
- A headset or speakers and a microphone.
- Internet speeds for video conferencing (i.e. 10Mbps/2Mbps).

For support with any technical issues relating to course materials:

- **Contact: Education Tech Digital Team**
- **Email: edutech@uwe.ac.uk**

For any general IT issues:

- **Contact: IT Services**
- **Email: itonline@uwe.ac.uk** (copying in edutech@uwe.ac.uk)

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the programme leader: **Karen Williams** via email at karen8.williams@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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