

Education

Highbury College provides outstanding teacher education opportunities which are flexible, challenging and supportive. These programmes respond to the changing needs and requirements of employers within the post 16 education sector and reflect the national skills agenda. They provide a student centred approach to teaching and learning that takes account of social, cultural and linguistic diversity.

Changes to post 16 Teaching Qualifications

From 2007 there will be changes to teaching qualifications in the post 16 sector. We are introducing the gateway qualification, *Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)*, from January 2007. The other courses that we will be offering from September 2007 will provide a route to qualified teacher status, but the courses may differ from those detailed opposite. To obtain up-to-date information, please contact the Teacher Education department at Highbury College. Further details relating to the new qualification routes can be found on the Lifelong Learning UK website – www.lluk.org

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector

Duration of study

1 session per week for 10 weeks

Start date

Termly

Entry requirements

Applicants should be fully qualified or experienced (preferably both) in the subject they wish to teach. You will also need to attend an interview which will include initial assessment in literacy and numeracy.

How will I study?

This course is intended to equip you with the basic knowledge and skills required of a post 16 teacher. Units of study include identifying students' needs, planning and preparing lessons, resources, teaching methods, assessment and evaluation.

How am I assessed?

Through a series of competence based assignments directly related to your teaching. Micro teaching sessions will be observed by a tutor.

What can I do after the course?

This qualification has been introduced in line with the new legislation for 2007. Once this qualification has been obtained, teachers will move on to relevant courses to achieve qualified teacher status.

Certificate in Further and Higher Education Professional Graduate Certificate in Further and Higher Education*

Validated by the University of Surrey

This is a two year course endorsed by SVUK. It is possible to join the second year (see below).

Year 1

Duration of study

1 session per week for 1 year

Start date

October

Entry requirements

You will normally need to have 2 A level passes or other level 3 qualifications (such as an NVQ Level 3 in your subject specialism) and a minimum of 60 hours teaching for each year in which you will be following the course. You will also need to attend an interview which will include initial assessment in literacy and numeracy.

How will I study?

Year 1 of this course aims to develop a 'reflective practitioner' approach to teaching. Modules include planning, developing and delivering teaching, learning and assessment, meeting the needs of individual learners and resource selection and development.

How am I assessed?

As far as possible assessment is based on evidence that will naturally occur in the course of your teaching and includes case studies and a presentation. Teaching sessions will be assessed by one of your tutors and by your subject specialist mentor.

What can I do after the course?

On successful completion of this year of study you can progress to the second year of the Certificate in Further and Higher Education.

Year 2

Duration of study

1 session per week for 1 year

Start date

October

Entry requirements

You should have successfully completed year 1 of the Certificate in Further and Higher Education or have a Stage 1 or Stage 2 7407 qualification or equivalent qualification. You should also have a minimum of 60 hours teaching for the year in which you will be following the course.

How will I study?

Year 2 of this course continues your development as a professional practitioner. Modules include curriculum development and evaluation, issues in post-compulsory education, and learner support and guidance.

How am I assessed?

As far as possible assessment is based on evidence that will naturally occur in the course of your teaching and includes a research project and a professional development journal. Teaching sessions will be assessed by one of your tutors and by your subject specialist mentor.

What can I do after the course?

On successful completion of this course it may be possible to progress to a degree in Education or a related subject.

* if you have a degree you may study for the Professional Graduate Certificate in Further and Higher Education.

