PGDip
Teaching Qualification in Further Education (Pre-Service)

PGCert
Teaching Qualification in Further Education (In-Service)
COURSE OVERVIEW

The course is taught using a combination of lectures, seminars and materials made available via our online learning environment.

TQFE PRE-SERVICE

Semester 1
- Link Practice
- Learner Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment 1

Semester 2
- Link Practice (continued)
- Teaching and Assessment 2
- Professional Development

TQFE IN-SERVICE

Semester 1
- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment

Semester 2
- Teaching and Assessment (continued)

One module from:
- Professional Development Award
- Adult Education
- Professional Practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) in a relevant subject or equivalent is required. In addition, there are the following literacy and numeracy requirements to meet the demands of this course:

- a National Qualification Course award in English at level 6 on the SCQF (or suitable evidence of being able to attain this standard) or SQA communication level III
- a National Qualification Course award in numeracy or Mathematics at level 4 on the SCQF (or suitable evidence of being able to attain this standard).

You should also have information and communications technology (ICT) skills equivalent to Intermediate 2 (level 5 on the SCQF). This level of skill in the use of ICT is required partly in order to be able to fully participate on the TQFE course and also to be able to function effectively in the working environment.

If you opt for the Postgraduate Certificate for those already in-service at a further education institution, you must also be employed in an appropriate work environment e.g. a college or similar organisation.

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.
The University of Stirling offers a teaching qualification in further education (TQFE) for those who want to become a further education lecturer, or for those already lecturing who want to complement their existing experience and qualifications.

If you are new to lecturing in further education and would like to undertake a qualification to increase your employability and provide in-college work experience, our Postgraduate Diploma TQFE is the route for you. The course is full-time over the course of one year, and is based on the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland’s Colleges. It will support you in developing your capacity as a professional educator and help you to make a positive contribution to the modern further education sector.

If you already work in further education as a lecturer, and would like to undertake an in-service qualification to complement your experience, consider our Postgraduate Certificate TQFE. Throughout the course you will develop your personal and professional abilities to help you adopt greater responsibility and leadership in your own work environment. Taught part-time over a one year period, teaching combines both face-to-face sessions and online learning. This course is also suitable for anyone who works in other education and training contexts in post-compulsory education.

WHY STUDY TQFE AT STIRLING?

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COURSE CONTENT VISIT: stir.ac.uk/1jo
If you are interested in working in further education in Scotland, then TQFE is the course for you. We have a variety of TQFE qualification options to suit those students who are both pre-service and already in-service in the sector.

We’ve been delivering the TQFE course for 15 years and our courses are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. Education at the University of Stirling is ranked 1st in Scotland and top 5 in the UK (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

IS TQFE FOR ME?

As a recognised teaching qualification for those wishing to enter or already in the Scottish further education sector, the TQFE provides you with a highly relevant and marketable postgraduate qualification. The course will help you with employment in the further education sector, or lead to further study in professional education.

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

With the Diploma, graduates will have undertaken a work placement to gain experience and to help secure future employment. Those already in further education who undertake the Certificate will be able to put learning into practice by studying part-time alongside an ongoing career.

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT: stir.ac.uk/scholarships
Five Reasons

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. We’re ranked 1st in Scotland and top 5 in the UK for Education (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

2. The TQFE course has been running for 15 years, and our history is testament to our ongoing success.

3. If you opt for the Postgraduate Diploma, you’ll gain vital work experience in one of our partner colleges across Scotland.

4. The course is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

5. Course content is based on the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland’s Colleges.
TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

For the Postgraduate Diploma, details of tuition fees can be found at:
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Students on these courses may be eligible for Student Award Agency for Scotland (SAAS) funding, if they work for a maximum of 15 hours per week. For more information, visit:
saas.gov.uk

Funding opportunities at the University of Stirling can be found on our scholarships finder. For details, please visit:
stir.ac.uk/scholarships

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language you must have one of the following qualifications as evidence of your English language skills:

- IELTS: 6.5 with 6.0 minimum in each skill
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Grade C
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): Grade B
- Pearson Test of English (Academic): 60 with 56 in each component
- IBT TOEFL: 90 with no subtest less than 20

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses. For more information, visit: stir.ac.uk/1b4