PGDip Teaching Qualification in Further Education (pre-service)

PGCert Teaching Qualification in Further Education (in-service)

REDEFINE AT STIRLING
WHY STUDY TQFE AT STIRLING?

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.
COURSE OVERVIEW

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

Semester 1

TQFE (pre-service):
- Learner Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment 1
- Link Practice

TQFE (in-service):
- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment

Semester 2

TQFE (pre-service):
- Teaching and Assessment 2
- Professional Development

TQFE (in-service) options for final module:
- Adult Education
- Professional Practice
- Professional Experiential Learning
- Accreditation of Prior Professional Development Award

Whilst attending teaching days students will experience large group lectures delivered by TQFE staff and, on occasions, invited guest lecturers. Lectures are recorded using the University’s ‘Listen Again’ system and can be easily accessed by students attending at college-based sites.

In addition to face-to-face sessions, the virtual learning environment provides a variety of digital resources including recordings of all lectures, e-journals, e-books and interaction between TQFE staff and students.

ENTRANCE 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.

For further information on the course content, visit: stir.ac.uk/1ig or stir.ac.uk/1jo
RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

IS TQFE FOR ME?

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 15 in the UK (The Guardian Education Guide 2018).
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TUITION FEES AND FUNDING
For the Postgraduate Diploma, details of tuition fees can be found at stir.ac.uk/1ig

For the Postgraduate Certificate, details of tuition fees can be found at stir.ac.uk/1jo

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