

Department of Education Sport and Culture

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International Qualified Teacher Status Programme

iQTS Programme Outline

The iQTS programme will be delivered as an extended pilot on the Isle of Man by Warwick University. Successful trainees will be awarded international Qualified Teaching Status and Post Graduate Certificate in Education. Our Isle of Man trainees will be supported with their studies and teaching placements in secondary schools on Island. The course is one year in duration and each student will have access to on line digital sessions with tutors at Warwick University and personal mentors in school.

Key Aspects

This is a full-time teacher training course which requires 120 days of practical experience to be gained in a placement school. The teaching takes place between September 2023 and the end of May 2024.

Course tuition and teaching practice will take place on the Isle of Man so there is no requirement to travel.

Trainees will be allocated with a teaching mentor and will have formal teaching observations and focussed support, which will help create an assessment profile.

Trainees will need to attend online induction sessions with Warwick University, which take place over three periods on 23rd-24th August, 29th-30th August and 4th-5th September 2023. The induction is a key component of the course and students will have the opportunity to get to know each other and the course details. Induction is planned to support a strong and collegial learning community.

There are seventeen online workshops which take place on Thursday afternoons. These sessions are interactive and cover a wide range of topics with quest speakers and tutors presenting.

Trainees will also be able to access regular tutoring sessions at University College Isle of Man which will be led by staff from DESC.

The programme of academic study is based around three 30-credit modules and includes a 4000 word focus on a secondary school phase aspect and a professional enquiry assignment of 4000 words. Both these assignments will be fully supported and are due in the middle and end of the course. The professional practice assessment element includes developing placement and teaching records as well as a continuous portfolio of school assessments. However, as this is a pilot programme it is possible that some elements may be adapted as the training progresses.

Successfully passing the assessment process will result in iQTS with PGCE and will allow you to apply for advertised teaching posts. Please note that this is not a guarantee of a job.

The DESC will fully fund the cost of training fees according to the Student Award criteria. Trainees will be able to apply to directly to Student Awards for support. Trainees will also be eligible for a bursary which is aligned with the UCM post-graduate degree maintenance grant levels.