



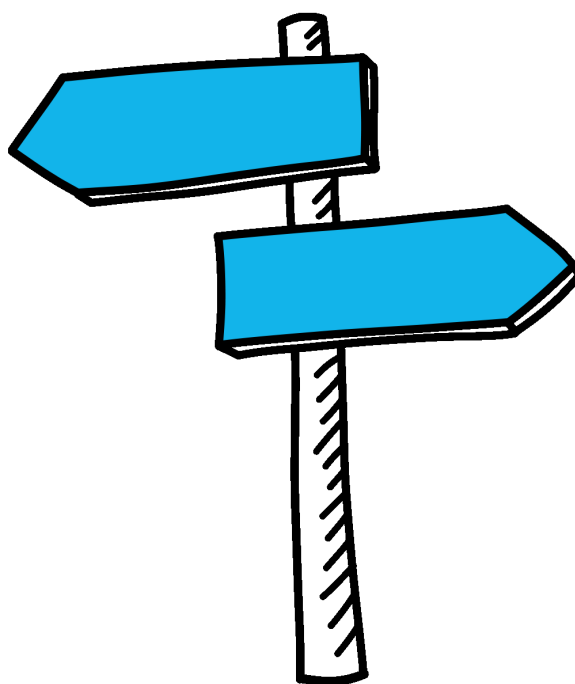
# Teacher Training

Delivered by  
Active Teacher Training and Ambition Institute



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## About our Teaching Training

We have partnered with Ambition Institute to deliver our Teacher Training programme. Ambition is a national education charity, who have already worked with over 54,000 teachers in over 9,000 schools to deliver high-quality evidence-based professional development. **This equates to 1/9 teachers** who have engaged in an Ambition programme!

This partnership combines expert knowledge from within our schools with Ambition's high-quality curriculum. This has been developed by educational experts, many of whom are former teachers with first-hand experience in the classroom.

This curriculum combines the best research around teaching, with practical classroom experience, helping you to become an expert teacher, so you can help shape the lives of the next generation of learners.

## About Active Teacher Training

We are a large multi-academy trust with a family of primary, secondary, all-through and special schools in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. Our mission is to create a culture and opportunities for our students and employees to be **active learners**, **active leaders** and **active citizens**.

Our Directors have a long- standing successful track record in delivering high- quality, evidence informed teacher training with measurable impact in the classroom.

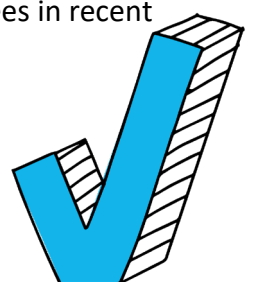
We have decades of experience in teacher training. We work closely with our lead schools to deliver a quality programme that supports trainees in building strong habits and effective practices, alongside high- quality service and support to help you reach your potential as a qualified teacher.

Teaching is a vibrant, fast-paced and exciting career and we'd love you to train with us. We'll provide you with the best possible start to a fulfilling, life-changing career. Our friendly, experienced team work with trainees from the outset of their journey towards qualified teacher status (QTS) in order to ensure that you are in receipt of the very best advice, support, guidance and teacher training.

Your programme will include multiple placements, taught content drawn from research as well as independent study. Engaging with a broad range of contrasting school contexts, we believe challenges our trainees, to adapt their practice and equip them for a life- long career in teaching.

Alongside school placements and training sessions, where you will be supported by experienced, practising mentors, teachers and leaders who know what it takes to help teachers to keep getting better. Our teacher training programme helped us to achieve 100% employment for trainees in recent years.

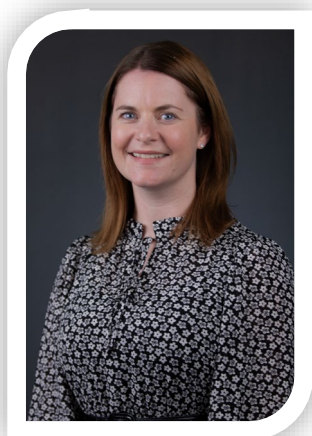
For more information, reach out and we'll be in touch.



## About your trainers



Hi, my name is Sarah Martin and I will be one of your main contacts throughout the course in my role as Director of Teacher Development. I truly believe that I have the best job in the world! With 27 years of experience in teaching and leading behind me, many of these in leading initial teacher training (ITT) I take a hands-on approach to training our new teachers as this is one of the most rewarding aspects of my role. Besides Kelly and myself, you will also be trained by members of our growing team of highly credible expert facilitators, teachers and leaders from schools across the trust. Outside of work I enjoy travelling and spending time with my family and at the stables!



Hi, my name is Kelly Hough and I will be one of your main contacts on our ITT course. I am the Assistant Director of Teacher Development for the Active Learning Trust. I have 16 years of classroom experience as a primary school teacher, Literacy lead and assistant head teacher across two schools in Lowestoft. I am really passionate about professional development and working alongside new teachers to ensure they have the best start possible in their exciting, new career in teaching! When I'm not working, you will usually find me exploring new places with my family.

# The benefits you will receive

With our Teacher Training you will:

- **Make an impact:** transforming your future and the lives of our students with our expert-led, in-school teacher training.
- **Become a qualified teacher:** achieving qualified teacher status (QTS) in addition to an internationally recognised postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE).
- **Get funding to train:** you could be eligible for a tax-free bursary or scholarship up to £30,000 which you would not need to pay back. More information about this is included in [The funding you could receive](#) section of this document.
- **Support:** get expert support from a dedicated, trained mentor and experienced teacher, who will guide you every step of the way. More information about this support is included in the [How we will support you](#) section of this document.

## What you will learn

Our Teacher Training curriculum is divided into five strands:

### Behaviour



How you can create calm, safe and purposeful places of learning where all children and young people can achieve.

### Instruction



How you can support all children and young people to learn in the classroom – from thinking about how you present information, to helping them learn independently in lessons.

### Curriculum



How you can design lessons and curricula that help children and young people to learn new and more complex ideas over time.

### Assessment



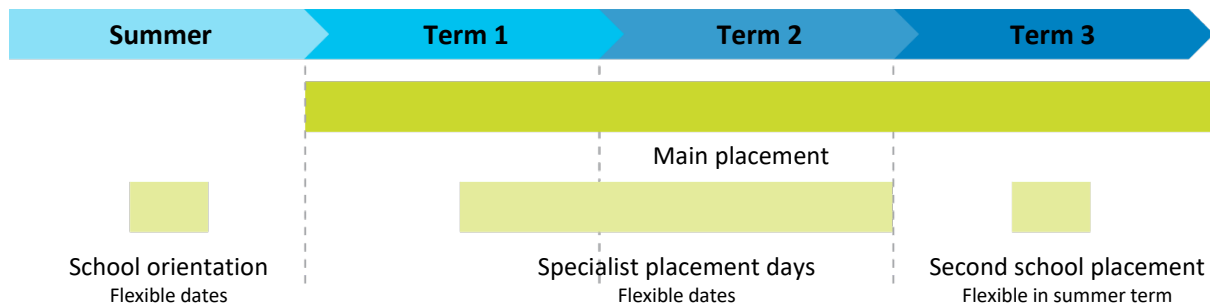
How you can better understand the impact your teaching is having and how to respond when your pupils struggle.

### Professionalism



Looking at what it is to be a teacher and how to prepare for your professional career.

# Where you will learn



## Main placement

- > **You'll do most of your training in just one of our schools.** This is *unique to our programme* as it allows you to build effective relationships and your confidence. This will be known as your main placement school and will also be the same school your mentor is based in. We hope that this school will feel like **your school**. You'll feel like you belong, and that means feeling and being like part of our team.

We will work hard to find a school which is local to you.

## Second placement

- > As well as your main placement school, you will do a short second placement in a contrasting school, which will have different characteristics to your main placement school. This won't happen until the summer term when you are beginning to confidently embed your teaching practice.

## Specialist placement days

- > We'll also arrange a number of specialist placement days for you across the year. They might be:
  - A nursery or early years setting.
  - A pupil referral unit for children who are unable to attend a mainstream school.
  - A special school for children who have learning difficulties.
  - A forest school.

Together, these placements will expose you to, and allow you to, gain experience across a diverse range of settings and prepare you for a wide range of experiences from which you will decide which type of school you see yourself working in as a qualified teacher.

# How you will learn

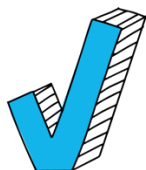
Each of our modules starts by introducing you to the ideas and theories underpinning the practice. You will then learn step-by-step, how to apply these ideas in your own classroom. Our Teacher Training will use the following methods to help you achieve this.

## **Independent study**



Each week you will do independent study where you will be exposed to academic theory. This will boost your knowledge within a specific area. For example, you might spend some time reading about the science of learning. Lots of your study resources will be hosted on our online learning platform, which will break content down through videos, quizzes, and examples.

## **Weekly expert-led clinics**



You will also attend weekly clinics with other trainee teachers. These are small-group sessions which give you the opportunity to take a complex area of teaching and unpick it with the help of education experts.

## **Deliberate practice**



Many new teachers struggle to bridge the 'knowing doing gap', meaning they can sometimes struggle to translate new knowledge they have learned into action in the classroom. That's why deliberate practice is such a big part of our programme. Instead of trying out a new strategy for the first time live in a classroom, you will get to practise in a safe space first. This might mean standing up and rehearsing an explanation in front of your mentor.

Each time you practice, you will get bite-sized pieces of feedback from an expert. You will use this feedback to make small changes and can have another go straight away. This will allow you to develop good habits so that you feel confident when it comes to teaching in front of a live class.

## **Chunked learning**



Our learning introduces new and difficult ideas slowly and in broken down chunks. Our online learning platform also gives you the ability to revisit topics, allowing you to refresh your understanding if needed.



### **Subject specialism**

If you're teaching a secondary subject, at least 50% of your weekly modules will focus on your chosen secondary subject, providing an excellent opportunity for you to develop your expertise in teaching this subject.

If you're teaching in a primary school, your weekly modules will focus on different subjects, helping you to develop your subject-specific expertise across the full breadth of the primary curriculum.

## **How we will support you**



### **In-school mentor**

When you begin your training, you will be assigned a designated mentor. They will be an experienced teacher in your main placement school. They'll be your go-to person and support your journey on the road to becoming a teacher. You will have scheduled time with your mentor every week, but you will probably talk to them every day about how you're getting on.



### **90 minutes a week of protected time with your mentor**

You'll meet your mentor for at least 90 minutes each week. This is protected time and is designed to help support you. In these sessions you'll have structured coaching conversations with your mentor. They'll help to you to prepare for the lessons you'll be teaching later that week.



### **Workload and wellbeing support**

We understand how important it is to support you with your wellbeing whilst you're training. That's why 30 minutes of mentoring time each week will be dedicated to discussing workload and well-being.



## The qualifications you will gain

You will complete a number of PGCE assignments across the year which will be marked by university tutors.

At the end of the course, you'll receive Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE). QTS is a nationally recognised teaching qualification which will allow you to teach in many schools in England. The PGCE is an internationally recognised qualification.

Your PGCE will also give you credits if you want to complete a masters in the field of education later in your career. All our trainees who complete their PGCE will be awarded 60 credits towards a masters degree.

## The funding you could receive

### Primary school

#### Tuition fees

Tuition fees for our Teacher Training programme are £9,250 for full-time study and £12,500 for part-time study. You can apply for government funding to cover the costs of your tuition fees.

#### Maintenance loan for 2024 to 2025

You may also decide to apply for a maintenance loan of up to £13,022 to help you with your living costs. You can do this even if you already have a student loan, regardless of whether you get a teaching bursary or scholarship. You will then only have to make loan repayments once you are earning.

To find out more about tuition fees and maintenance loans visit [www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

### Secondary school

#### Bursaries and scholarships

You may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship from the Department for Education which you would not need to pay back. This depends on which subject you choose.

# The funding you could receive

## Eligibility

You must be eligible for student finance to receive a bursary or scholarship. You can check your eligibility by visiting: [www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies). The only exception to this is if you are training to teach physics or languages. Additionally, you cannot receive both a teaching bursary and a scholarship. You also can't receive a bursary or scholarship if you're on a salaried teacher training course.

## Bursaries for 2024 to 2025

- £28,000 in chemistry, computing, mathematics and physics.
- £25,000 in biology, art and design, geography and languages.
- £10,000 in English.
- Applicants may be eligible for a bursary if they have First, 2:1, 2:2, PhD, or master's degree.

## Scholarships for 2024 to 2025

- £30,000 in chemistry, computing, mathematics and physics.
- £27,000 in French and Spanish.

Scholarships are usually available to applicants with a First, 2:1, master's, or PhD degree, though, in exceptional circumstances, they may be awarded to a graduate with a 2:2 and significant relevant experience.

All bursaries and scholarships are tax-free. To find out more about these, visit:

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