



**Keele and  
North Staffordshire  
TEACHER EDUCATION**  
*Rooted in evidence; reaching for excellence.*

# **COURSE BROCHURE 2024-25**

**Whatever your honours degree subject(s), you have  
the potential to change a young person's life  
through the transformative power of education.**



**Sheffield  
Hallam  
University**



**Shaw  
Education  
Trust**

**Ofsted**  
Outstanding

2022 | 2023



# Welcome

*KNSTE is a School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provider that has a partnership of over 120 schools who work closely with Shaw Education Trust to offer high quality teacher education. Our SCITT is made up of primary, special and middle schools and comprises a mixture of large and small, urban and rural, faith schools, local authority and academy settings.*

*Ours is an innovative course which is now available as both a full time or two year flexible course. You will come to us with different talents, attributes and experience and we will seek to develop these in relation to early years, primary and special school pedagogy.*

*In 2023, we were recognised as being an 'outstanding' provider by Ofsted. They stated that, "leaders' vision of 'reaching for excellence' is fully recognised through this high-quality initial teacher education course. The programme provides trainees with the best possible start to their professional careers".*



*On successful completion of all of our courses you will gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). On the QTS + PGCE route you will also gain a Sheffield Hallam Postgraduate or Professional Certificate of Education.*

## Where are we based?

Our schools are predominately located in Stoke-on-Trent, and across Staffordshire but we do have schools in the surrounding counties - Cheshire, Shropshire and Derbyshire. A map of our current partnership is available on our website at: [www.knste-shaw.org.uk](http://www.knste-shaw.org.uk)

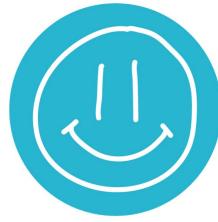
## How are we different?

We are pleased to operate as a community of providers, our distinctive contributions include:

-  A combination of subject specialism rather than a purely generalist
-  training A strong emphasis on high quality school-based input



# Why choose KNSTE?



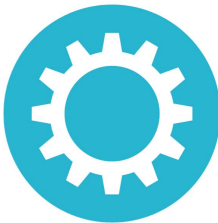
## QUALITY

We are relentlessly ambitious to share the transformative power of education



## ETHICAL

We will use our knowledge and experience to enable you to become an informed and thoughtful public professional.



## TRUSTED

We offer a nurturing and tailored approach within an amazing partnership of schools.



## SPECIALISMS

Our specialisms enable you to focus on curriculum design and subject leadership. You will appreciate the significance of sequencing learning.



## TEACHER EDUCATOR & TUTOR SUPPORT

Our dedicated team provide support and equip you to become the teacher that you are ambitious to be



## EVIDENCE INFORMED & EVIDENCE CHALLENGED

We support you in critiquing and accessing research and evidence so as to both inform and challenge your practice.



***"I couldn't recommend the KNSTE course more and feel that I have been really well-prepared to become a highly reflective teacher. I have also learned how much there is to love about the profession and how I can really make difference to children's lives." - Trainee Teacher***



# More about our Initial Teacher Training and Education (ITTE) Programme.

## Structure of our ITTE Programme

We start our course at the end of August. We spend some time introducing you to our programme then so that you can benefit from being in school for the first week of the new academic year. This is an exciting time for all.

You will then join us for a two week induction. During the course we benefit from holding a variety of sessions in a range of our partnership schools. This enables you to gain from the expertise of a variety of experienced teacher colleagues. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive partnership of schools.

In week four, you continue with your first school placement. Colleagues on the full-time route spend 3 days in school and 2 days in our teaching centres. More details about the two-year flexible route can be found later in this brochure.

Towards the end of January, you complete your time in placement 1 and return to the SCITT for two weeks of the programme. During this time we focus you on a wider range of subjects and professional capabilities. In your second placement you increase the amount of teaching time in school. You are supported throughout the placements by a Lead Mentor (LM) and two General Mentors (GMs) one from each of your placement schools.

## What qualifications will you achieve?

Upon successful completion of all of our programmes, you will gain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). If you are on the QTS + PGCE you will gain QTS together with a Sheffield Hallam University PGCE Academic Award worth 60 Master's Level credits. You are assessed through written assignments, presentations and enquiry tasks.

## Our Specialisms

In addition to the PGCE and QTS Awards, KNSTE offers recognition of your subject or phase specialisms. **These include:**

- Art and Design
- Early Years
- English and the Performing Arts
- Geography and History
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- SEND



Alongside your specialisms, you benefit from additional specialist qualifications including, for example, Philosophy for Children, Thinking Moves and Understanding the Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health of Children and Young People.



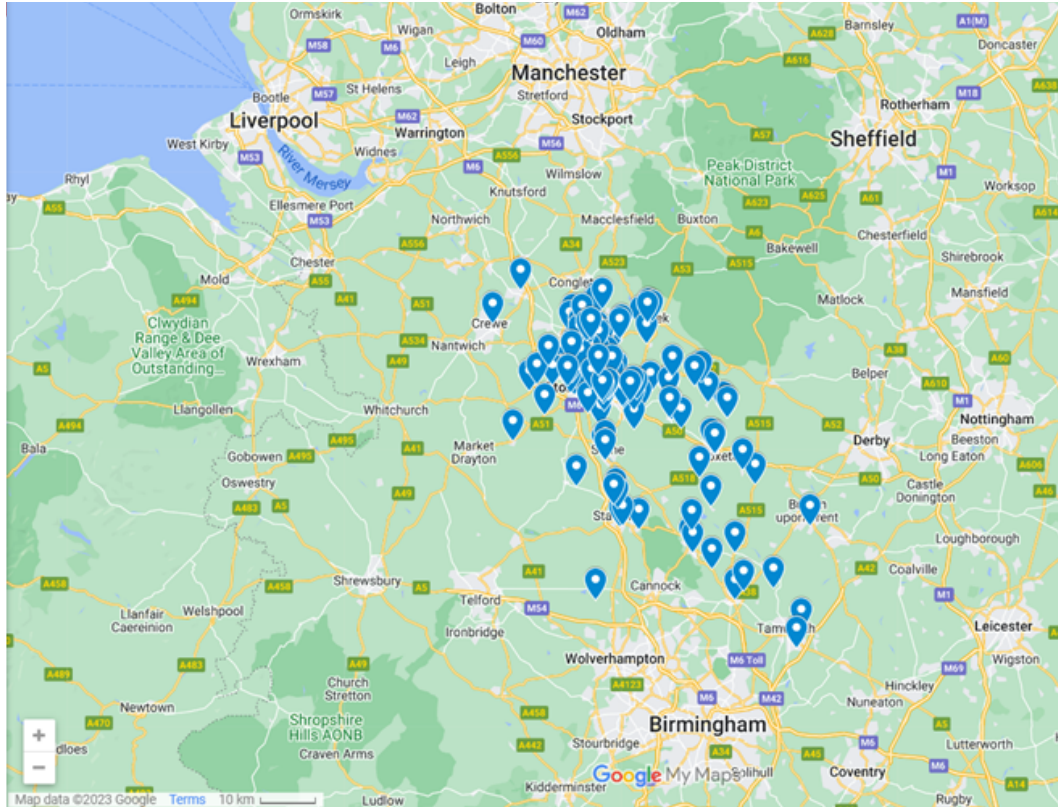
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## KNSTE Placements

Below is an approximate map of our partnership schools and the area that we work within. Our PGCE is awarded by Sheffield Hallam University but work within Stoke-on-Trent and across Staffordshire. We also have a few schools in the Cheshire, Shropshire and South Staffordshire areas.



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# JOIN OUR NEXT OPEN EVENING



Our open evenings are available both face to face on Keele campus and online.

To find out more and to book on to one of these sessions go to our website:

**[www.knste-shaw.org.uk](http://www.knste-shaw.org.uk)**

## WE WANT OUR TEACHERS TO BE:

- 👤 Passionate about the transformative power of education
- 👤 Reflective and resilient
- 👤 Well-organised and able to relate well to others
- 👤 Able to work collaboratively with groups of fellow trainee teachers and teacher colleagues
- 👤 Ambitious to contribute to the profession
- 👤 Knowledgeable and inspirational
- 👤 Caring about rigour and caring about enabling children to thrive





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*"To work within a special school helped me to develop different skills and an alternative perspective that not only benefited me during that placement but has ever since because it has allowed me to consider the needs of all pupils and develop my practice accordingly."*

**- Trainee Teacher**



# TWO YEAR FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME

*KNSTE offers a two year flexible route for all its primary courses. The flexible pathway is particularly directed at career changers or those with caring responsibilities. It is a rigorous and demanding programme, and colleagues who benefit from this option need to be highly organised.*

*It does offer the opportunity to combine your commitment to the programme with other aspects of your life.*

*To apply for the flexible route for our primary programmes, you must apply via the KNSTE course codes.*

## How does it work?

In Year 1 you will benefit from blocks of core, professional and subject knowledge sessions and blocks of school experience. These will be on a Thursday and Friday. The proportion of time that you spend in school will increase in the Summer Term of Year 1, but will not exceed two days. You will be in one school throughout the year. The course runs from the end of August through until the end of the school year (towards the end of July).

During your second year you will spend three days per week with us, during the Autumn and Spring Terms, two of these will be school based (Wednesday and Thursday) and Fridays will be SCITT based. In the Summer Term of Year 2 you will then need to commit to spending 9 weeks full time in a school. You will be in a different school in Year 2.

The reason for being full-time during your final term of Year 2 is so that you can assure yourself and ourselves that you can sustain the demands of full-time teaching. This will enhance your employability as well as develop your passion for the profession. You can opt to complete your Early Career Teacher programme on a part-time basis following your successful achievement of your ITTE course.



The flexible route is great, I can fit the course around my family and other commitments. It's the only way I would have been able to undertake a PGCE.

**Trainee Teacher**



The flexi course at KNSTE has offered me a route into teaching that would not have been possible via any other training pathway.

**Trainee Teacher**





# ASSESSMENT ONLY ROUTE (AO)

The AO route is intended for very experienced graduate teachers without QTS. Applicants will have a wealth of prior teaching experience. Many will be currently employed as unqualified teachers or Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs).

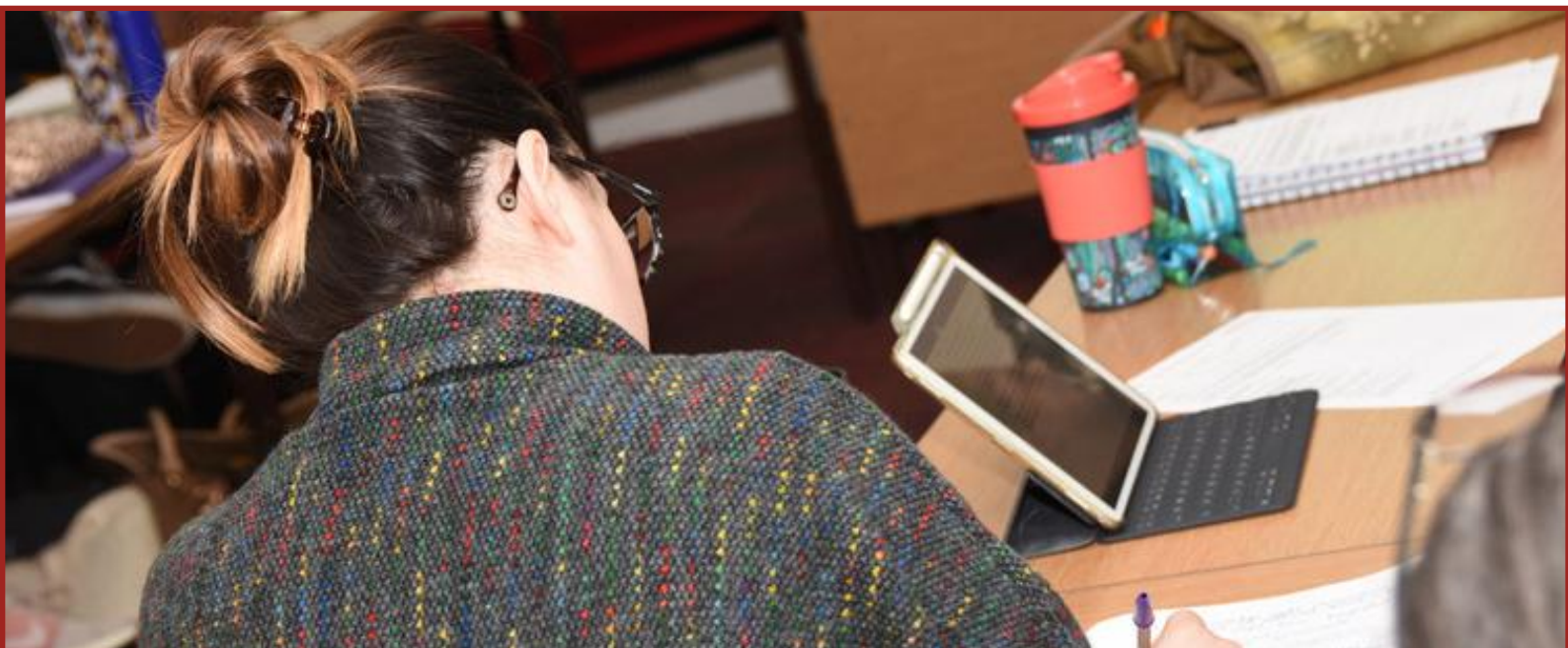
This experience will include responsibility for planning, teaching and assessment of whole classes of fifteen or pupils or more during the last 2-3 years prior to the commencement of the 12 week assessment period.

This experience should be gained across a minimum of two different settings. Applicants must have been responsible for teaching and planning in both schools.

## Assessment within a Special School or Independent School Setting

We are pleased to offer the opportunity to be assessed in a special school or independent setting. We must assure ourselves that all applicants have the capacity to teach across the full ability range for the age groups for which they are to be assessed.

Additionally, we will assure ourselves that applicants have the capability to teach whole classes. Often this can best be evidenced through a second school placement that is in a mainstream setting. We are happy to help to facilitate such placements. We welcome individual discussions so that we can enable applicants to secure appropriate pre-assessment evidence.



TO FIND OUT MORE

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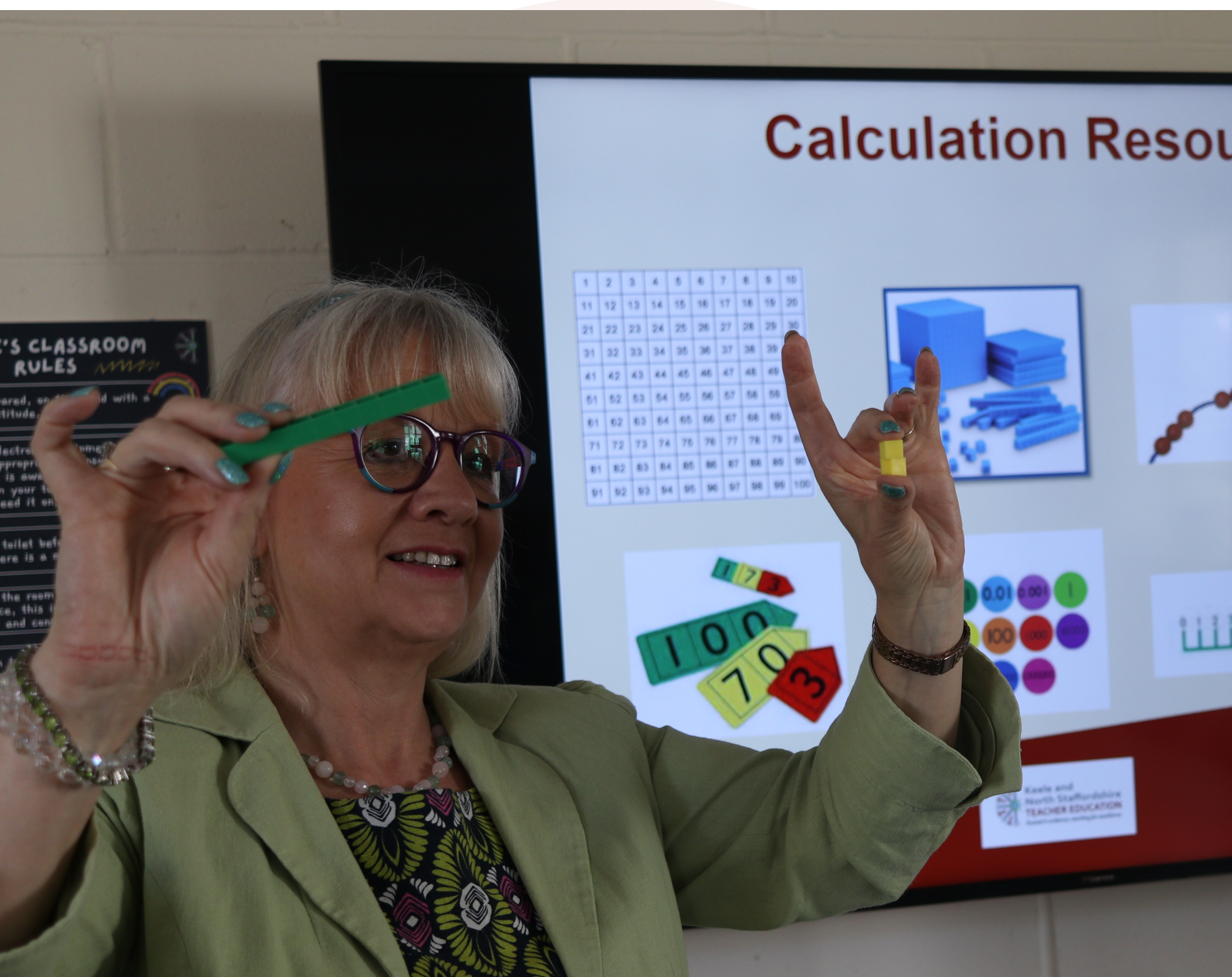
*"An efficient, rigorous route to gain QTS for highly skilled and experienced for practitioners who are deemed job ready."*

**- Deputy Headteacher**



# QTS or QTS + PGCE

Alongside our QTS + PGCE route, we also offer a QTS only pathway to teaching. A comparison of the two options below may help you in making the decision about which route might be the best for you.



Key Differences	QTS + PGCE	QTS Only
SCITT sessions	✓	✓
Full time or Flexible Route option	✓	✓
Eligible for Student Finance	✓	✓
Full time Fees	£9,250	£8,250
Flexible Fees	£5,750 + £5,750	£5,750 + £4,750
Masters credits / Assignments	✓	x
Student Status	✓	x
Internationally recognised	✓	x





## What others say...



*"KNSTE is a consistently outstanding teacher training and professional development partner for us. Their support of, and care for, every cohort of trainee teachers is second-to-none.*

*This care goes beyond the training year through their direct support and, importantly, the good work of their network of partner schools and academies.*

*"We have found that each teacher completing the innovative KNSTE training programme is well prepared for the demands of what is a fantastically rewarding career.*

*"Such is our faith in KNSTE that almost every one of our new teachers has qualified through them!"*

**- Local Academy Principal**

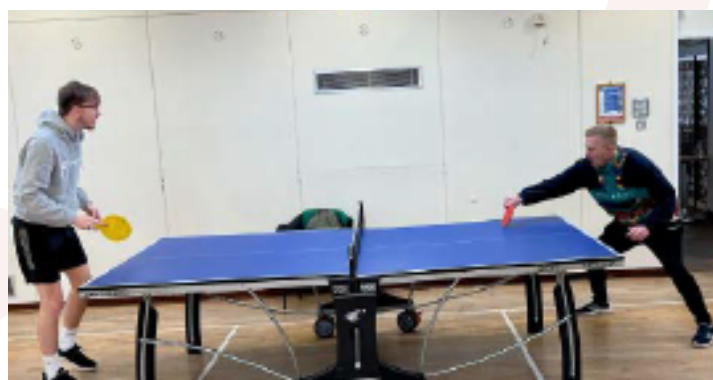
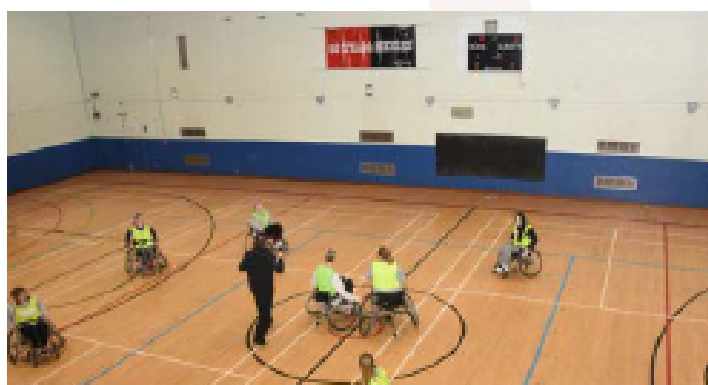
*"My Subject knowledge has also improved. The SCITT has given me the knowledge and the academic background to be able to go into school with an awareness of why things are done the way that they are."*

**- Trainee Teacher**

*"I would just like to make you aware of how beneficial the PE session today was for me. I entered the room having next to no knowledge on PE and left feeling like I had some tools, techniques and understanding to be able to support a PE lesson."*

*"The content, practical elements and reference to useful resources was brilliant."*

**- Trainee Teacher**





# How to apply

We very much hope that you will be excited to apply to train to teach with us!

We recommend an early application. Comprehensive guidance is available on our website.

**Click 'PGCE Programmes' tab on homepage for full application guide**



## PLEASE NOTE:

Applications to us should be submitted via the GOV.UK service.

During the application process, you will be asked to nominate two referees.

If you have completed your degree within the last 5 years one of these must be an academic reference.

KNSTE is the provider that acts on behalf of a large partnership of schools across Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. This includes the Golden Thread Teaching School Hub (<https://www.goldenthreadtsh.co.uk/>). You need only submit one application to us. If you are electing for the Flexible, SEND or QTS only routes please select KNSTE; for all other specialisms there is no difference between KNSTE and GTTSH in terms of the programme.

## Primary Course Codes - 2024/2025 (2024-26 for Flexible Route)

	Code	Art & Design	Early Years	English	Geography & History	PE	STEM	SEND
Keele and North Staffordshire Teacher Education <b>PGCE with QTS</b>	24J	AT75	2Q5R	2N2M	2KBH	2KBS	2KBY	C295
Golden Thread Teaching School Hub <b>PGCE with QTS</b>	155	AT40	324D	324G	324N	324T	324Z	
Keele and North Staffordshire Teacher Education <b>QTS Only</b>	24J	T897	H057	C431	C096	Z890	M441	T268

Teacher Training Advisers (TTAs) are available to support all potential ITTE applicants. TTAs are a team of experienced former teachers who provide one-to-one support to potential applicants and last year supported over 22,000 candidates. Advisers can support candidates with a 2:2 degree or above wishing to teach any subject.

The adviser service will also support candidates up to two years before applying, including first and second year students, to help them prepare for teacher training in the future. You can contact the team via telephone on 0800 389 2500 or register on the Get into Teaching website [www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

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