**Job title: Secondary School Teacher**

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| **Entry requirements:** | You can do a Bachelor of Education degree, or a degree that is taught on the national curriculum. You can go into teaching after graduation, if your course includes qualified teacher status (QTS).  If you have a degree in a curriculum subject without QTS, you can get it by completing one of the following:   * a postgraduate teacher training course at university * a school-based training programme   **Entry requirements**  You'll usually need:   * GCSEs in English and maths at grade 9 to 4 (A\* to C) * 2 to 3 A levels for a degree * a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study   You can also get into this role through a teacher higher apprenticeship, if you've got a relevant degree and want to teach in a secondary school.  **Entry requirements**  You'll usually need:   * GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) in English and maths * a degree in a relevant subject |
| **Skills required:** | You'll need:   * knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses * patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations * leadership skills * the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure * to be flexible and open to change * knowledge of English language * sensitivity and understanding * excellent verbal communication skills * being able to use a computer terminal or hand-held device may be beneficial for this job. |
| **What you'll do:** | In this role you could be:   * planning and preparing lessons * setting and marking essays and exams * checking students’ progress * developing new courses and teaching materials * classroom administration and record keeping * attending meetings and training courses |
| **What you’ll earn:** | * Starter: £2,7200 * Experienced: £61,005   *These figures are a guide.* |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * You could work at a pupil referral unit or at a school. * Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding. * 36 to 38 hours term time * Evenings, Weekends or appointments |
| **Career path and progression:** | You could specialise in teaching pupils with special educational needs or move into pastoral care.  With experience you could become a specialist leader of education (SLE), supporting teachers in other schools.  You could also progress to curriculum leader, head of year, deputy head and headteacher.  You could  work for an exam board or a local education authority. Other options are to work as an education officer with a gallery or museum, or move into private tuition. |