



## School of Social Sciences

### Assessment Only Route to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Guidance notes

#### Introduction

Nottingham Trent University provides an Assessment Only route (AO) to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) designed for those currently working as unqualified teachers and who wish to gain QTS in either Primary or Secondary phases. It is appropriate for **very experienced graduates with substantial successful teaching experience**. They must demonstrate that they are able to meet all of the Teachers' Standards.

The route allows candidates to demonstrate that they already meet all the QTS standards. **It is only suitable for those who do not require training.**

An Early Years Initial Teacher Training (Assessment Only) option is also available.

#### The selection process will include:

- Online application which will include the following:
  - Relevant and recent experience of teaching for a minimum of two years, in at least two schools/colleges
  - Personal statement
  - Confirmation of 50% or more current teaching timetable across two consecutive key stages and evidence of the wider role of the teacher in current school
  - Reference from current employing school or college who support the application
- Initial assessment visit which will include the following:
  - Presentation of comprehensive and detailed portfolio of evidence to show how the candidate meets the Teachers' Standards for QTS
  - Observation and assessment of their teaching in a school / college
  - Evidence that the Professional skills tests have been passed
  - Evidence of DBS (formerly CRB) enhanced disclosure clearance and appropriate medical checks have been completed

- Development of subject knowledge through training by school / college
- Evidence of wider professional role training
- Demonstrated ability to read effectively and have good verbal and written communication skills in Standard English.
- Original copies of relevant qualifications must be provided at the interview

## Entry Requirements

To be eligible for the AO route to QTS, a candidate must:

- Hold GCSE grade C or above (or equivalent) in English Language and Mathematics. Primary applicants must also hold GCSE grade C or above (or equivalent) in Science. Overseas qualifications of a comparable standard verified by NARIC, will also be considered.
- Hold a UK-equivalent first degree. Overseas degrees of a comparable standard, verified by NARIC, will also be considered.
- Have successfully **passed both** the Numeracy and Literacy skills tests prior to submitting an application.
- Be able to evidence relevant and recent experience of **teaching** in at least **two** schools/colleges prior to being assessed against the Teachers' Standards.
- Teaching experience must be across two or more consecutive age ranges.
- Have at least two years' teaching experience

## Additional information:

Further information about skills tests can be found on the Department for Education website: [www.education.gov.uk/teachskillstests](http://www.education.gov.uk/teachskillstests).

Nottingham Trent University's School of Education are offering short courses in Literacy and Numeracy to help applicants prepare for these tests. The courses are open to all ITT applicants regardless of their intended route or ITT provider. Further information including details on how to apply can be found on our website: [www.ntu.ac.uk/qtsskillstests](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/qtsskillstests).

## Fees and Funding

There is no National College for Teaching and Leadership funding for the AO Route, therefore applicants or their supporting schools must meet the cost of the assessment.

- Initial Assessment -£500 (non - returnable)
- Final Assessment - £1500

- Additional visits - £150 (There could be an additional charge for travel and accommodation if you are more than 50 miles away from the University)

### **Teaching and Assessment:**

Assessment will take place in a school/college where the candidate is currently employed. This will consist of a preliminary visit to discuss the Assessment Only requirements and process, an initial assessment visit (interview and observation) then a final assessment visit (observation and portfolio check).

The assessment period will last for a **maximum of 12 weeks**. Prior experience and evidence for the Teachers' Standards will be essential. If it is considered that a longer assessment period would be beneficial or training is required, then a candidate will be advised to consider an alternative training programme.

All candidates who are assessed and recommended for QTS become Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs). Information about statutory arrangements for the induction of NQTs can be found online at: [www.education.gov.uk/nqtinduction](http://www.education.gov.uk/nqtinduction).

### **Next steps**

- If you meet the essential requirements you can apply online at [www.ntu.ac.uk/apply](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/apply)
- If you have any further queries regarding the application process please contact our Admissions Team on +44(0)115 848 4200.

### **Further information**

The UK National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) can provide advice on the equivalence of overseas qualifications to those who subscribe to its service. NARIC can be contacted directly at:

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