

The 1 yr CertEd / PGCE in Lifelong Learning

The Cert Ed/PGCE is a qualification for those who want to teach in the Adult Learning Sector (Post Compulsory Education-PCE). The CertEd/ PGCE is a University of Huddersfield (UoH) Award. Both qualifications lead to QTLS (Qualified Teacher in Learning and Skills) which is the main requirement to teach in the Adult Learning Sector. This is awarded by the Society for Education and Training (SET). QTLS is given for those wanting to teach learners aged over 16yrs of age. This is different to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) which those wishing to teach in schools work towards.

Those wanting to teach at Primary or Secondary education must undertake either a Bachelor of Education degree or a non-education degree followed by a postgraduate qualification in teaching, such as the PGCE at a university. This would be a different route to the course we run. However, as of 2012 QTLS can be transferred to QTS to allow people with QTLS the option of teaching in schools.

The CertEd is aligned with the Level 5 and is for Non-Graduates. The PGCE is set at either Level 6 or Level 7 and is intended for Graduates. If you are already working in the FE sector you can undertake the course part-time, as long as you have 75 teaching hours each year.

Attendance is 1 day a week and a further 2 days in placement. Courses start in September and the time table will be as below:

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Cost
CertEd/ PGCE (Taught Element) Bedford Campus	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	9.30am-4.45pm	£7,217
CertEd/ PGCE (Taught Element) Kettering Campus	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	9.30am-4.45pm	£7,217
Work placement day within the Bedford College Group	TBC	2 other days - based on need of department		

The course entry requirements are:

- Level 3 subject specific qualification
- GCSE English and maths (or equivalencies)
- A clean enhanced DBS report
- Means of payment, £7,217 per year (Being a student on this course does allow you to apply for the Student Finance Loan so that payment can be deferred until after the course)

Payment for the course can be arranged through the HE Tuition Fee Loan. Advice can be gained from Student Finance advisors within Bedford College Student Services on 01234 291470.