

The Part-Time Lifelong Learning CertEd / PGCE

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.

From 2014, The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) rewrote the Adult Learning & Teaching Awards which became:

- Level 3 Award (Formerly PTLLS) (a short part-time course at Level 3 for beginners)
- Level 4 Certificate (Formerly CTLLS (a 1yr part-time course at Level 4 for those not doing the full teaching role)
- Level 5 Diploma (Formerly DTLLS) (a 2yr part-time course at Level 5 for those doing the full teaching role)

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.

Courses start in September and they run on either:

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Cost
CertEd/ PGCE Yr 1 (Bedford)	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	9.30-12.45	£3,608 (per year)
CertEd/ PGCE Yr 1 (Bedford)	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	17.30-20.45	£3,608 (per year)
CertEd/ PGCE Yr 1 (Kettering)	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	9.30-12.45	£3,608 (per year)
CertEd/ PGCE Yr 1 (Kettering)	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	17.30-20.45	£3,608 (per year)
CertEd/ PGCE Yr 1 (Dunstable)	8 th September 2026	Tuesday	17.30-20.45	£3,608 (per year)

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

The course entry requirements are:

- 75 hours of Adult Teaching in Lifelong Learning per year across all 3 academic terms
- Level 3 subject specific qualification
- GCSE English and maths or equivalent
- A Mentor to be nominated (qualified, subject experience and able to come into Bedford College for training evening)
- Means of payment (Being a student on this course does allow you to apply for the Student Finance Tuition Fee Loan so that payment can be deferred until after the course)

We also offer a 1 year Full-time 'Intensive' option for both of these courses.