**The Difference between the DET and the CertEd/PGCE**

The Diploma in Education & Training (DET) is the full teaching qualification that is written by Awarding Organisations (AO) for Post-Compulsory Education (PCE) using the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) 20 standards. The Certificate in Education (CertEd) and PGCE (Professional-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) have been written by the University of Bedfordshire (UoB) to also take account of the ETF 20 standards. Both courses lead to Qualified Teacher Learning & Skills (QTLS).

***‘Both are the same qualification and employers do not discriminate on the basis of title or where you obtained the qualification’*** (Education and Training Foundation)

***‘Employers don’t mind about the qualification as long as you have one. By gaining either qualification you have demonstrated your commitment to a teaching career and shown that you have sufficient knowledge of the job role’*** (Times Educational Supplement)

***‘For purposes of being qualified to teach in PCE, each is valued equally’*** (Guardian Newspaper)

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|  | **DET** | **CertEd/PGCE** |
| **Price** | Full-time (£2,563) Part-time (£1,282) | Full-time (£6,250) Part-time (£3,125) |
| **Awarding Body** | City & Guilds (C&G). | University of Bedfordshire (UoB). |
| **Credit Value** | A mixture of Level 4 & 5 credit, although the course is called a Level 5. | **CertEd** – All credits are at Level 5.  **PGCE** – All credits are at Level 6 and there are no Masters (Level 7) credits – hence the title is not ‘Post’-Graduate. |
| **Entry Requirements** | * A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in your subject area, * 100 hrs teaching, * A commitment to work towards completing maths and English at Level 2 (GCSE grade C/4) by the end of the course, * DBS. | * A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in your subject area (CertEd), * Degree (for PGCE study), * 100 hrs teaching, * Maths and English at Level 2 (GCSE grade C/4), * DBS. |
| **Written Assessment** | Portfolio requirements are broken down into assignment checklists. | More open ended essays. |
| **Graduation** | **No** – You will be invited to the Bedford College Achievement Evening. | **Yes** – UoB has a graduation for all qualified teachers. |
| **Study Venue** | Bedford College. | Bedford College with 3 events at UoB – you will be a registered student at both institutions and you will have access to both facilities and resources. |
| **Length of Course** | 1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time. | 1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time. |
| **Working in Schools** | Both qualifications lead to QTLS which is recognised by the Department for Education (DfE) to allow appropriate persons (e.g. also holding a National Curriculum based Degree) to work as a qualified teacher in a school. The Professional-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) should not be confused with the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and anyone that has a strong desire to teach in a school should probably contact the university directly to look at school based qualifications. School teachers are generally required to have Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). | |