

## **Get ready for PGCE iQTS**

We hope that you are looking forward to starting your online distance learning programme. As your Programme Leaders, we warmly welcome you onto our **iQTS (PGCE) programme**.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us, this includes some key policy documentation for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

You have a year ahead that will provide both challenge and reward; we look forward to meeting you and working closely with you across the iQTS (PGCE) programme.

### **Karen Williams and Jane Collins**

iQTS Programme Leaders

### **Before you start**

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 21 September 2026 for your online induction and the beginning of your programme.

The Induction weeks will help you settle into your online programme with the university and help you get to know your teaching team and peers on the programme through our various online platforms. We will help you to navigate our online software and platforms, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start.

## **Preparation**

To help you prepare for the programme, you need to engage your school to ensure all key documents are completed. These documents include a headteacher and mentor information form, important safeguarding and criminal records checks. The list of actions you need to complete are all within the pre-programme information documentation sent to you via your admission portal. Your compliance documents must be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in order to start the programme. A partnership agreement will be sent to your school to sign on commencement of the programme.

## **Enrolment**

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Enrolment](#) website.

## **Engage with your programme**

### **Start your learning**

Key activities that will help you to prepare for your iQTS (PGCE) programme include familiarising yourself with the policy documents that our programme derives from. These include:

The Initial Teacher Training Early Career Framework:

[Initial Teacher Training and Early Career Framework](#)

The iQTS Teachers' Standards:

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The National Curriculum in England for your relevant course age group (use the link to look at the framework and locate the individual 'programme of study' for your teaching phase/subjects:

[National curriculum in England: framework for key stages 1 to 4 - GOV.UK](#)

### **Read around your subject**

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject(s) before you start. Explore the [Library](#) webpages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

## **Pre-programme information pack:**

We have provided an additional document that includes access to the proposed calendar for the year, an overview of the programme structure and further information on aspects such as teaching hours and mentoring.

**You can access your pre-programme pack [here](#)\***

\*Please note these documents might be subject to minor amendments.

Within this document you will be able to access a link for our “Xerte” iQTS programme induction webpage that will house the information in the induction with links for you to join your induction sessions during the week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026. Please check this webpage nearer to the course start date for mentor training information (please note this information will also be sent directly to mentors on receipt of the headteacher/mentor information compliance documents).

## **Be prepared**

### **Access support**

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

## **Get equipped**

For this course, you should have access to the following software and equipment:

- A computer with Windows 10 /11 or Mac OSX 8.1 (or later).
- A headset or speakers and a microphone.
- Internet speeds for video conferencing (i.e. 10Mbps/2Mbps).

For support with any technical issues relating to course materials:

- **Contact: Education Tech Digital Team**
- **Email:** [edutech@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:edutech@uwe.ac.uk)

For any general IT issues:

- **Contact:** IT Services
- **Email:** [itonline@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:itonline@uwe.ac.uk) (copying in [edutech@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:edutech@uwe.ac.uk))

## **International students**

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol.

## **Actions you must complete before you start your study**

The **Admissions team** ([admissions@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uwe.ac.uk)) have already been in touch to let you know that you need to provide your academic certificates or evidence of qualifications and complete

the mandatory professional checks before you start studying with UWE Bristol.

If you do not complete them, it will impact your ability to enrol onto the programme.

### **You need to complete the:**

- [Overseas Criminal Record check](#) and an ICPC check if applicable.
- Suitability Declaration with embedded Fit to Teach questionnaire
- Headteacher and mentor information form to confirm placement school and mentor

These compliance checks are in addition to any external requirements such as provision of references.

[Find out more](#) about the mandatory professional checks and full details of what to expect as part of the application process.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding, you must send the relevant paperwork to [admissions@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uwe.ac.uk), as instructed, as soon as possible.

### **Who to contact if you have questions**

For any questions about the course, please contact the iQTS programme team via our mailbox: [uweiqts@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:uweiqts@uwe.ac.uk)

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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