



HOW TO GET INTO TEACHING

APPLY FOR A PGCE IN 9 EASY STEPS



1 Review your circumstances

Consider your current situation; including financial costs and funding sources, living and travel arrangements whilst studying for a PGCE full time in the UAE



3 Read programme pages online

Visit the University of Birmingham Dubai ITE postgraduate course pages www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/study and review the entry requirements for the PGCE programmes as well as the course content, structure and teaching and assessment.



5 Register for open days and webinars

Attend a University of Birmingham Dubai open day to meet with Programme Directors, visit our campus and find answers to specific questions you may have about the course, placements or the application process.



7 Write your personal statement (500-700 words)

Your personal statement should build on your academic achievements and any experience of working with children. It should include details of any schools you gained experience with, highlight what you want to gain from the course and how it will develop you as a teacher. Include your motivations in the relevant subjects, this will also enhance your application.



9 Attend an interview

All shortlisted candidates who meet the criteria will be invited to an interview in either Dubai, Birmingham or via Skype. Whether online or face-to-face, approach the interview as you would for any other professional qualification or position and ensure you review your online application beforehand.

2 Gather research

Review all relevant research on routes into teacher education and teacher training to make sure this programme is best fit for you. Be aware of current issues in education and consider your motivations for entering the teaching profession.



4 Decide on phase/subject specialism

After reading the programme information, consider the phase or subject specialism which best suits you and if your previous academic experience meets the requirements. You can then narrow down research into phase and subject specific areas.



6 Connect with schools

Get in touch with local schools via email or in person, sharing your CV and stating your motivations for seeking work experience/shadowing with a view to enter the teaching profession.

Be flexible to what the school can offer as this is more likely to provide opportunities, but we would recommend at least 1 week minimum experience in the relevant subject in total.



8 Complete and submit an online application

Complete your application at the earliest opportunity to ensure that admission tutors can get in touch with any questions or request additional information. All offers will be conditional on physical checks of qualifications including degree transcripts and police checks prior to enrolment.

