



Placement Information 2021-22
Initial Teacher Education
Department of Education and Childhood

1st in the South West for Education (source – Complete University Guide 2020)

What our partners say about us:

We have a great relationship with UWE and enjoy supporting trainee teachers. The students always arrive well prepared and enthusiastic. I have been really impressed with their preparation and communication ahead of the placement as well as their understanding and flexibility. The UWE staff are clearly doing an excellent job and ensuring they know what to expect and work alongside the provision they encounter; this is supportive and much appreciated.

Benefits of working with UWE Bristol

- We offer students following a broad range of courses. These are: EYITT; PGCE Primary and Early Years; BA (Hons) Education (3 year ITE route) and Secondary PGCE. These sit alongside our MA and EdD as well as our International PGCE (iPGCE)
- Committed to working alongside our education partners as co-teacher-educators to produce the next generation of teachers
- Excellent communications with UWE Tutors, placement team colleagues and managers.
- Well-prepared and briefed trainees.
- Staff expertise in pedagogy and subject knowledge and in mentoring beginner teachers.
- Staff with current research profiles and connections with national 'best practice' and subject associations
- Research and Knowledge Exchange opportunities for school colleagues, working alongside UWE tutors and researchers. For example, at the moment partnership schools are working with UWE colleagues to decolonise our curriculum
- CPD opportunities are offered to all schools who work in partnership with us at reduced rates or in exchange for student placements. We also offer Masters degrees and Professional doctorates. See our webpage for further details: <https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/X00042/education>
<https://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/courses/professionalshortcourses/education.aspx>
- The Placement Communication Portal (PCP) gives a streamlined approach to communicate placements effectively and to provide our partnership schools with more control and immediate access to information.
- You are invited to use the UWE Bristol logo on your website to make our partnership public

Benefits of working with UWE Bristol trainees

- High quality trainees who make a genuine impact and contribution to partnership schools
- An opportunity to contribute to the **professional community of teaching practice** and to support the development and training of new teachers

- Trainees provide an additional resource, which can facilitate **extra time** for teachers to work with individual students or small groups, or to engage in curriculum development and additional support for your pupils
- Opportunities for teachers to reflect on, analyse and **improve their own professional practice** and skills whilst training new colleagues
- Introduction of **new ideas, enthusiasm, recent experience** in the workplace and different areas of subject expertise
- Trainees who can contribute to **extra-curricular activities** and the wider life of the school/college
- Opportunity to **nurture potential applicants for teaching posts** in school
- Engagement with **curriculum innovation, creative cross-curricular learning opportunities and widening participation**
- Before commencing placement we conduct the following checks:
 - Self-declaration form completed at interview stage
 - Enhanced DBS check

Our UWE vision

The UWE Teacher

Across all phases and routes our partnership aims to train teachers who:

- Put learners at the heart of their practice, celebrate difference and help transform the life changes of children, young people and our global society.
- Are committed, collaborative, adaptable, resilient and solution-focused professionals
- Are skilled, reflective, evidence-informed and creative in advancing their practice and the teaching profession.

Wider partnership engagement

As ITE providers our work is underpinned by current DfE and Ofsted guidance. Partners support us by creating and sustaining our shared vision for the partnership, and managing the delivery of the UWE curriculum which is designed to meet the needs of all individuals. When you work in partnership with UWE you become part of our ITE Partnership Steering Group who have a significant input in reviewing and developing the programme. We meet regularly and the partnership has a reflexive and solution focused approach to the development of the programmes and their delivery. We bring our initial partnership development plans to these meetings and value your thoughts and input as we develop our curriculum plans. You are invited to attend as often as you are able.

We also send out a monthly Partnership Newsletter as well as regular bulletins and partners contribute to this as part of our knowledge exchange processes. For information about both the Steering Group and the Newsletter please contact Stella Quinlivan: Stella.Quinlivan@uwe.ac.uk.