

**PRIMARY**

**Best provider  
of postgraduate  
teacher training in  
the country  
(GTTG, 2015)**

# **Prospectus**

## **Primary with a Physical Education Specialism**

Welcome to the

# NORTH EAST PARTNERSHIP SCITT

The North East Partnership SCITT is a specialist physical education initial teacher training provider offering both primary and secondary post-graduate teacher training courses.

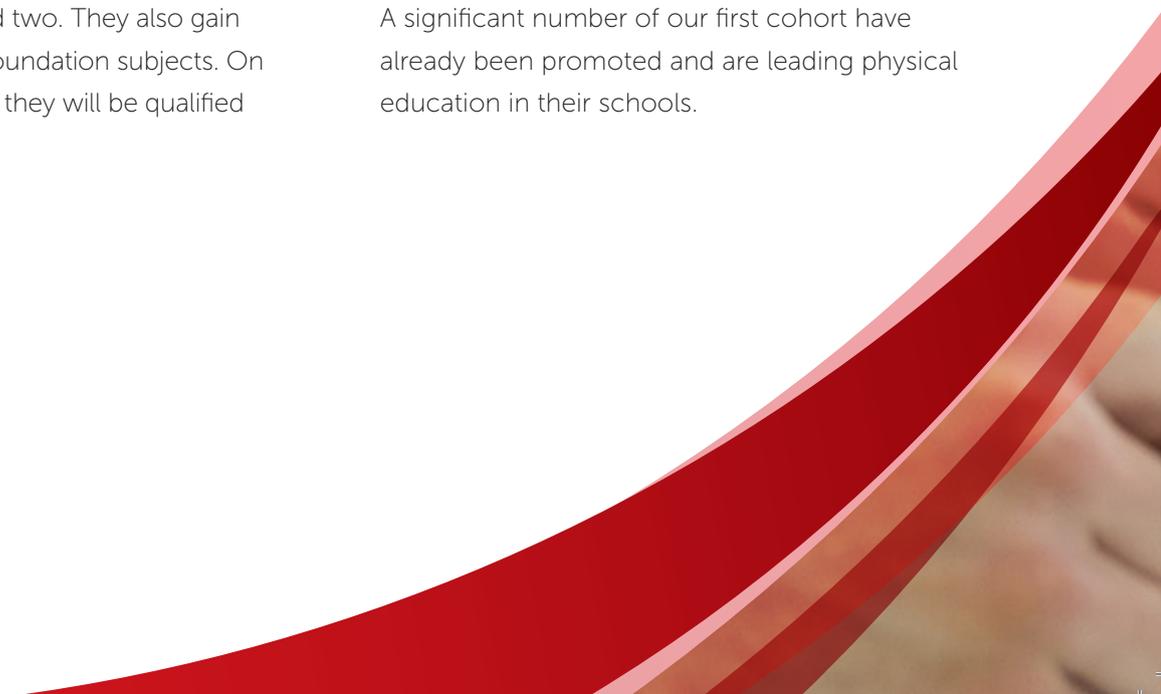
We are the largest physical education provider in the north east of England and one of the largest in the country. Our last three Ofsted judgements have been outstanding and in 2013 we were graded outstanding in every category. We are consistently ranked in the top ten in the Good Teacher Training Guide and in 2013 were identified as the top secondary SCITT in the country and in 2015 as the best provider in the country.

In 2016, the North East Partnership SCITT became the accredited provider for a small number of Primary with a Physical Education Specialism school direct places. Trainees are trained to teach physical education alongside the core subjects of mathematics, English and science plus computing across key stages one and two. They also gain some experience in the foundation subjects. On completion of the course they will be qualified

primary teachers with a physical education specialism. They will be able to lead high quality physical education and sport provision within primary schools, support other primary teachers to develop their skills in delivering physical education and sport and lead regional sports initiatives to improve primary physical education and sport.

John Spence Community High School is the Lead School and works with Northumbria University and sixteen local schools to offer this innovative course which lasts for forty weeks from September to June. In addition, there is a compulsory two week summer school at the end of August and trainees will support end of year activities in their placement schools during the month of July.

Over the first three years, 100% of trainees have been graded as outstanding or good and 96% have secured employment in schools. A significant number of our first cohort have already been promoted and are leading physical education in their schools.





# OUR VISION FOR EXCELLENCE

The North East Partnership SCITT will create the next generation of outstanding teachers who can inspire and motivate young people to foster a love of learning and use physical education and sport to help achieve their full potential – in sport and in life. Highly effective partnerships and innovative teaching and learning are at the heart of all we do.



# WHY TRAIN WITH US

If you want to be a primary teacher with a physical education specialism, train with the North East Partnership SCITT through John Spence Community High School.

- We have consistently been graded as outstanding by Ofsted.
- We are consistently identified as one of the top 10 providers in the country in the Good Teacher Training Guide and in 2015 were identified as the best in the country.
- We are the only provider of this unique course in the north east of England and one of only a few in the country.
- The current political agenda advocates the development of physical education and sport in primary schools and provides funding to schools to develop this area. Research indicates that there is a need for physical education specialists in primary schools.
- Our trainee outcomes are exceptionally high. In the last three years, all trainees have completed the course as good or outstanding trainee teachers and 96% have found employment in schools.
- You will have the opportunity to gain a range of National Governing Body awards at no extra charge, including; gymnastics, football, rugby, netball, tennis, cricket and athletics.
- Training is completely school-led. We work with sixteen schools in the north east and a significant number, support the programme delivery.
- We have exceptionally strong support mechanisms. You will have a physical education mentor, a class teacher and a link tutor. In addition, a cohort of twelve to fourteen means that you are never working in isolation.
- You will exit with QTS and a PGCE which includes 60 Masters Credits.

# WHAT OUR TRAINEES SAY

"I would highly recommend the North East Partnership SCITT to anyone wanting to pursue a career in teaching. The course allows for a true school experience while equipping you with a variety of master classes in teaching and learning. The support received from the SCITT team is outstanding and guaranteed to help you secure a teaching post." **(Leeann Irving)**

"My experience of the North East Partnership SCITT has enabled me to become the confident teacher I am today. The support you receive from your tutors helps to develop your planning, content and structure of lessons and how to effectively manage your class. This gives you the belief in your ability as a teacher when you start your first teaching post." **(Liam Blythe)**

"NEP SCITT gave me the opportunity to develop my teaching skills and provided me with opportunities in a variety of different schools. This allowed me to enhance my subject knowledge and increase my confidence. During my time on the course the support I received was outstanding! The staff on the course always put me first and were available to provide help and support when necessary." **(Mason Storey)**

"It was a genuine privilege to train through the North East Partnership SCITT. The mix of theory and hands on teaching allowed me to develop into a reflective practitioner. An absolutely fantastic course ran by dedicated professionals." **(Andrew Archibald)**

"The NEP SCITT has prepared me exceptionally well for school life. The high standards helped me to reach a level of teaching I didn't think I could do, and in turn helped me to get a job at my host school. The extra CPD and courses provided give you an edge over any other SCITT courses. I would highly recommend NEP SCITT to anyone wanting to pursue a career in teaching." **(Jennifer Gladstone)**

"After completing my PGCE and entering my first teaching job I realised the SCITT programme had set me up fantastically well. Halfway through the course I sat my first interview and got my first job. This wouldn't have been possible without the excellent support or amazing network of people who are involved in the programme. I couldn't recommend it enough!" **(Louis Lawson)**



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# COURSE OUTLINE



The course consists of four inter-related modules:

## **Professional Placements**

We work with sixteen schools across Tyne and Wear, Durham and Northumberland. Depending on where successful applicants live during their training year we also have school links in Tees Valley.

You will gain teaching experience in two contrasting schools; a Host School and a Partner School. You will spend the majority of the year in your Host School teaching key stage two and a six week block in your Partner School teaching key stage one.

Your Host School placement starts immediately in September with two serial days each week followed by an observation and planning period then a six week block between November and December. You will return after Easter for a further six weeks. Your Partner School placement starts in January with two serial days each week followed by an observation and planning period then a six week block between February and Easter.

During the year you will progress from observation to collaboration to independence and from a 60% to a 70% per timetable. Your timetable will be split between physical education, the core subjects and computing. Time will also be spent observing and supporting in the foundation subjects.

Placements are organised with as much sensitivity to your personal circumstances as possible using a range of criteria, including; experience across the four to eleven age range, experience gained prior to starting the course, specialisms that schools can offer to develop any subject knowledge gaps and the location of the schools in relation to where you live.

In addition, you will visit two other schools to gain experience of working with children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and English as an additional language (EAL) plus work in an EYFS setting and a secondary school.

### **Curriculum Studies**

In this module you will develop your subject specific knowledge in physical education, the core subjects, computing and the foundation subjects. These sessions are delivered by outstanding practitioners from partnership schools alongside North Tyneside Local Authority, North Tyneside Maths Hub, the Primary Lead and a Primary Physical Education Consultant.

### **Professional Studies**

In this module you will develop your knowledge of education through a programme of conference days focusing on topics that are at the forefront of policy and practice. These include; safeguarding and child protection, pastoral care, working with parents, behaviour management, teaching and learning, assessment, inclusion, pupil premium, equality and diversity, and English and maths across the curriculum. Time is also allocated to preparing for employment. These sessions are delivered by middle and senior leaders in partnership schools.

### **Curriculum Project**

For this module you will carry out a small scale action research project during your final placement. You will agree a focus with school staff and your assignment tutor based on an area of interest, a development need in your placement school or current research in primary education.

Placement performance is assessed against the Teachers' Standards for the award of QTS. Two coursework assignments plus your action research project provide further evidence of suitability to enter the teaching profession; two modules are assessed at Masters Level and if successfully completed count as sixty credits. Successful trainees exit the course with QTS plus a PGCE from Northumbria University.



# PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

## **Durham**

- Howden le Wear Primary School

## **Gateshead**

- Brandling Primary School
- Crookhill Primary School

## **Northumberland**

- Stobhillgate First School

## **North Tyneside**

- Amberley Primary School
- Bailey Green Primary School
- Benton Dene Primary School
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- Cullercoats Primary School
- Hadrian Park Primary School
- Hazlewood Community Primary School
- Holystone Primary School
- John Spence Community High School
- New York Primary School
- Shiremoor Primary School
- Southridge First School
- St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School
- Valley Gardens Middle School

## **South Tyneside**

- St Aloysius Roman Catholic Junior School

# OUR BASE

Our office base and training room are situated at John Spence Community High School in North Shields; however as a significant number of the partnership schools deliver the core training, you will rotate around these schools for some of your training. By the end of the year it is likely that you will have spent time in approximately ten different schools, something which makes us unique and which our trainees say is really beneficial.



# OUR TEAM



**HELEN OSTELL**  
SCITT DIRECTOR



**SALLY BRYSON**  
DEPUTY SCITT DIRECTOR



**SARAH BEALL**  
BUSINESS MANAGER



**JOANNE FAIRLEY**  
PRIMARY LEAD



**LESLEY DOUGHTY**  
PRIMARY LINK TUTOR



**SHARON MCINTOSH**  
PRIMARY LINK TUTOR

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We are looking for individuals who are well qualified with relevant and up-to-date experience and who have interests and talents that would enhance children's learning experiences. You should be enthusiastic, hardworking, resilient, happy to 'think outside the box' and have well developed organisation and communication skills. You will need to be able to use your initiative, manage workload and work co-operatively and effectively with others. You must be passionate about a career in teaching and enjoy working with young people, building warm relationships that promote learning.

**You should possess the following:**

- GCSE grade 4 (C) or equivalent in English, mathematics and science (preferably combined science)
- A 2.1 honours degree in a relevant subject area (in exceptional circumstances we will consider 2.2 degrees)
- A broad and balanced PE, sport or dance background
- The ability to swim 200 metres continuously using two different strokes
- Work experience in a primary school is desirable but not essential
- Competence in ICT
- Have met the government's requirement for physical and mental fitness and have enhanced DBS clearance

To apply to this Primary with a Physical Education Specialism course, applicants must use the UCAS ITT application system. Applications can be submitted from October for a September entry the following academic year. As demand for places is very high, interested applicants are advised to apply early. For the 2020/21 academic year, we hope to recruit fourteen primary trainees.

**UCAS Course Code: 25W 2Q9L**



# FEES

Tuition fees are £9,250 and you can choose to pay these as a one-off payment or to take out a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England. For more information on tuition fee loans, maintenance loans and grants, please visit: [Gov. UK](http://Gov.UK) and Student Loans Company. Information about bursaries can be found on the Department for Education website.

You will be provided with an iPad for the duration of the course. In addition, we will fund you to gain a wide range of additional teaching qualifications and national governing body awards, including; football, rugby, netball, tennis, cricket and athletics.







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