

Personal Information:

Name	Sophie Taylor	Main Subject	Physical Education	Second Subject	Science
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My academic qualifications:

School/College	University
High Tunstall College of Science (2008 – 2013) GCSE: Physical Education (A), English Literature (C), English Language (C), Maths (C), Additional Science (C), Science (C), Child Development (B), Religious Studies (C) BTEC Level 2 Diploma: Creative Media Production (D*) Brinkburn Sixth Form College (2013 – 2015) BTEC Level 3 Diploma: Sport and Exercise Science (D* D* D*) Brinkburn Sixth Form College (2016 – 2018) Diploma in Supporting the Delivery of Physical Education and School Sport (Level 3)	Durham University (2015 and 2018 – 2020) BA (Hons): Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity (2:1) North East Partnership SCITT (2020 – 2021) PGCE and QTS: Secondary Physical Education (Pending)

The experience I have had in schools:

PGCE Placements	Dene Academy , Peterlee (September – December 2020) Framwellgate School , Durham (January – June 2021)
Undergraduate Placements	Durham Trinity School and Sports College , Durham (November - March 2020)
Other Placements / Employment in Schools	High Tunstall College of Science , Physical Education Apprentice (2016 - 2018) LK Health and Wellbeing , Casual Coach (Cestria Primary School, Burnopfield Primary School) (July – September 2019) Durham University , Holiday Camp Sports Coach (2019 - 2020)

The strengths I have within my main subject area:

Sporting Strengths	NGB/Other Coaching Awards	Teaching Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Participation: Netball, Athletics, Rounders, Football, Cricket, RugbySchool County Level: AthleticsPrevious Recreational Participation: Football (school, college and recreational) Netball (school, college and recreational)Current Recreational Participation: Health and Fitness – Gym and Bootcamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership (2013)Certificate in Fitness Instructing Level 2 Gym Based Exercise (2013)Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification (2019)Institute of Swimming – Introduction to Teaching the Four Strokes (2020)Hockey Teachers Workshop (2020)Youth Mental Health First Aid Award (2020)Introduction to Teaching Handball (2020)Level 2 Dodgeball Coaching Award (Pending)Level 1 Ultimate Frisbee Coaching Award (Pending)ECB Secondary Teachers Cricket Award (Pending)FA Secondary Teachers Football Award (Pending)British Gymnastics Level 1 and 2 Teachers Trampoline Award (Pending)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strong subject knowledge in a variety of sports and activities and specifically invasion gamesStrong subject knowledge in examination PE. I have studied the subject at GCSE, BTEC and Degree level, consistently achieving high grades. By the end of my training year, I will have taught examination PE at both KS4 and KS5Confidence in ability to work well with both staff and students to build good rapport and working relationships

My personal skills and qualities:

Physical Education and sport have always been a passion of mine. I now want to focus on future generations and give back to education in the best way I can. I am enthusiastic and driven to help young people succeed and enjoy sport across a wide range of activities. I have developed a variety of teaching and learning ideas which I am incorporating in to my teaching within both practical and theory-based lessons. I have a wide knowledge and an understanding of many sports, specifically invasion games, which I have been able to observe, assist and deliver within lessons and after school clubs. Extra-curricular activities are something which I am very passionate about and would like to be heavily involved with in the future and provide young people with extra opportunities to participate. I believe my presence and confidence within both theory and practical lessons is a strong trait of mine and is something I have been commended on in my previous placement. I have had experience volunteering in a special school which has allowed me to adapt my own teaching to suit the requirements of children who have different needs to my own, this has helped me to also adapt my practice in a mainstream setting and is now a strength of my teaching.

My other interests and hobbies:

I have always been incredibly passionate about sport and physical activity from a young age and specifically enthusiastic about football in my younger years. My own personal preference at the moment is focused on health and fitness and I am now a regular gym and bootcamp attendee which is something I love! Travel and visiting new places is something I love to do. I have been given several opportunities to take children out of school and abroad to different countries such as Canada, America, Spain and Italy for sporting trips such as football tours and skiing. These experiences were amazing and are something I would like to incorporate within a new school setting.

Preferred location:

North East