School Centred ITT NORTHERN LGHTS



PGCE in Biology



Why train in a School Centred ITT Partnership?

School Centred Initial Teacher Training is a route into teaching designed to provide hands on practical experience from the very beginning. The Northern Lights SCITT programme, which leads to QTS and 60 Masters credits, is delivered in partnership with Leeds Trinity University by a partnership of schools based in the southern end of the Yorkshire Dales, Harrogate and Bradford. Training will be delivered by a team of outstanding specialist practitioners and experts, and will develop a subject specific toolkit designed to achieve success in the classroom. Biology is the most popular science choice at 'A' level and, in addition to being a key component of Science in the National Curriculum, is also offered as a separate GCSE option in many schools.

The PGCE Secondary Biology programme provides a pathway into teaching for good Biology graduates who, ideally, also have a strong background in at least one other science at 'A' level. It is designed to prepare students for teaching all aspects of science to at least Key Stage 3, and Biology at GCSE and 'A' level.

During the programme you will have the opportunity to consider schemes of work for children of different ages and abilities, school laboratory management and the use of dynamic ICT to support science teaching and learning.

Entry requirements

Acceptance onto the course is contingent upon the following:

- An honours degree in Biology or related subject at classification 2.1 or above
- Advanced level qualifications (or equivalent) in Biology
- Strong communication skills in written and spoken English
- Have passed skills tests in English and Maths
- DBS clearance and medical check

Desirable skills and qualities:

- Recent experience of working with secondary age children
- Recent experience as a trainer/teacher/mentor
- Competent use of ICT skills