



Train to Teach

Gateway Alliance (Midlands)

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The Gateway Alliance (Midlands) School Direct Partnership specialise in supporting primary and special school teacher trainees to train in our partnership of schools primarily across the Warwickshire and Coventry area. The Gateway Alliance (Midlands) partnership have been leading a School Direct Programme, in partnership with the **University of Warwick**, since 2012 and our programme is extremely highly regarded by both trainees and schools.

You'll be part of a school based teaching team, in one of our 30+ partner schools, from the very start; receiving intensive support from experienced teachers and mentors. You have the opportunity to become immersed in school life through your training year, which means when you begin your first job as a teacher you are better prepared for life in school. You will access an outstanding academic programme of study at the University of Warwick which will support you to understand the theory behind teaching whilst developing and practicing your skills in school.

The Gateway Alliance School Direct Partnership is made up of a wide range of schools from across the Warwickshire, Coventry and surrounding areas and we work together with the University of Warwick, to offer the best possible teacher training experience. Our strong partnership represents a mixture of large and small, urban and rural, faith, independent, academy and maintained schools. Through the training year we make full use of the strengths of our partnership and offer trainees access to a wide range of experiences and learning opportunities across a range of our partner schools.

We look forward to welcoming you

Helen Martin
Director – Gateway Alliance

“It has been great to train in one of the Gateway Alliance (Midlands) schools as it is such a well-respected and strong primary partnership. The Gateway team are specialists in supporting trainees in primary schools and the quality of training and support has been fantastic.

Richard – Gateway Alliance School Direct Trainee

“Teachers that qualify through the Gateway Alliance (Midlands) School Direct programme are always of the highest quality. They are fully prepared for life in school and quickly progress in their careers.”

Headteacher – Gateway Alliance (Midlands) partnership school

Benefits of Training

with Gateway Alliance (Midlands)

Central location in the Midlands area, comprising schools from Coventry and Warwickshire

One of the largest Primary School Direct partnerships, with a wide range of schools from large, urban new builds to small, rural settings

A partnership which specialises in supporting primary and special school trainees, with a wealth of expertise and experience of supporting training in these settings

A dedicated Special Education Needs teacher training programme which offers training in special school setting

A fantastic range of NQT employment opportunities to those that successfully complete their training

Access to a wealth of tailored CPD opportunities that will support you to develop your skills throughout the training year and beyond

A central training programme led by a team of experts from across the partnership which includes specific training sessions and regular trainee network meetings

A strong partnership with the Ofsted rated “Outstanding” provider – University of Warwick – which means that a high quality in-school experience is underpinned by outstanding academic training and access to industry leading research

Highly experienced mentors and outstanding teachers who have been supporting teacher trainees for many years

A growing alumni of school direct graduates that are keen and willing to support new trainees

A well-established partnership with a common set of values held across all schools and a commitment to the best possible training experience for all

UCAS Course Code	Programme Title:
2HPJ	Primary – (Training/Tuition Fee)
2HPM	Primary – (Salaried)
2W2Q	Primary – Special Educational Needs (Training/Tuition)
2KXB	Primary – Special Educational Needs (Salaried)
32SL	Primary – Key Stage 1 (Training/Tuition Fee)



Training programmes

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Programme Title: Primary (Training/Tuition Fee)

UCAS Course Code: 2HPJ

Final Award: QTS with full PGCE (5-11 years Primary) + 90 CATS points towards a Masters

Overview: On this primary mainstream School Direct programme you will undertake your training in a mainstream primary, infant and/or junior school and will spend a term in each of the 3 primary age groups: Key Stage 1 (year 1 or 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 or 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 or 6).

For the majority of the training year you will be based at your 'host school', however you will spend 1 term on a complementary placement, in a contrasting school setting. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a 1-week placement in a special school.

Programme Title: Primary (Salaried)

UCAS Course Code: 2HPM

Final Award: QTS with full PGCE (5-11 years Primary) + 90 CATS points towards a Masters

Overview: On this primary mainstream School Direct programme you will undertake your training in a mainstream primary, infant and/or junior school and will spend a term in each of the 3 primary age groups: Key Stage 1 (year 1 or 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 or 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 or 6).

For the majority of the training year you will be based at your 'host school', however you will spend 1 term on a complementary placement, in a contrasting school setting. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a 1-week placement in a special school.

As a salaried trainee you will be employed by your 'host school' for the duration of the course and receive a salary equivalent to point 1 of the unqualified teacher pay scale.

Programme Title: Primary – Special Educational Needs (Training/Tuition Fee)

UCAS Course Code: 2W2Q

Final Award: QTS with full PGCE (5-11 years Primary) + 90 CATS points towards a Masters

Overview: On this primary specialist School Direct programme you will undertake the majority of your training in a special school and you will spend a term in each of the 3 primary age groups: Key Stage 1 (year 1 or 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 or 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 or 6).

For the majority of the training year you will be based at your 'host school', however you will spend 1 term on a complementary placement, in a mainstream primary school setting.

Training programmes (cont)

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Programme Title:	Primary – Special Educational Needs (Salaried)
UCAS Course Code:	2KXB
Final Award:	QTS with full PGCE (5-11 years Primary) + 90 CATS points towards a Masters
Overview:	<p>On this primary specialist School Direct programme you will undertake the majority of your training in a special school and you will spend a term in each of the 3 primary age groups: Key Stage 1 (year 1 or 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 or 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 or 6).</p> <p>For the majority of the training year you will be based at your 'host school', however you will spend 1 term on a complementary placement, in a mainstream primary school setting.</p> <p>As a salaried trainee you will be employed by your 'host school' for the duration of the course and receive a salary equivalent to point 1 of the unqualified teacher pay scale.</p>

Programme Title:	Primary – Key Stage 1 (Training/Tuition Fee)
UCAS Course Code:	32SL
Final Award:	QTS with full PGCE (5-11 years Primary) + 90 CATS points towards a Masters
Overview:	<p>On this key stage 1 focused School Direct programme you will undertake your training in a mainstream primary or infant school. You will spend: 1 term in year 2, 1 term in Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 or 4) and 1 term in year 1.</p> <p>You will also spend time in Reception throughout the year, although this will not be a formally assessed placement.</p> <p>For the majority of the training year you will be based at your 'host school', however you will spend 1 term on a complementary placement, in a contrasting school setting. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a 1-week placement in a special school.</p>

Course Structure

The academic study that trainees undertake whilst on our School Direct programme, is carried out at the University of Warwick. You'll be taught and supported by highly experienced tutors and mentors who have a national reputation for the quality of their training.

There are two elements to the taught course, led by the University:

Professional Studies – develops a good understanding of the key factors in successful learning and teaching. It deals with central issues of planning, teaching, assessing and behaviour management as well as addressing such issues as safeguarding of children

Subject Studies – covers both core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science) and non-core (Foundation) subjects. Foundation subjects are covered through 'taster' sessions for each subject: Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography and History, Music, Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Physical Education (P.E.), Religious Education (R.E.) and PSHE.

This taught element of the course is delivered at the University for approximately 30 days, throughout the training year. The rest of the time you will spend in school, putting the theory into practice and learning from highly supportive and experienced teachers.

The course is carried out over a full academic year, starting in the last week of August.

For more information about financial support whilst you are training please see – **fees and finance**