

Frequently asked questions about our Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

When will applications for the PGCE open/close?

Applications for the PGCE Programme will open on **Thursday 9th May 2019** and close on **Thursday 6th June 2019**.

- **How do I apply?**

Please visit the University of Gibraltar PGCE webpage, and click on the 'Apply' button. An application checklist has been created to ensure you submit all required documentation. Please find link to this checklist here.

- **When can I expect to hear if I am successful?**

All **completed** applications will be reviewed **after** the 6th June 2019, and a short list of applicants will be invited for interview. All unsuccessful applicants shall be informed via email.

- **Will I be required to attend an interview?**

Yes, if you are short listed you will be required to attend a full day of interview, expected to take place at the end of June or the beginning of July. Full details will be sent to you should you be chosen for interview.

- **How many spaces are available on the programme?**

Spaces are limited due to the nature of the course.

- **Will I need to take my Skills Test?**

Not unless you are short-listed for interview. Successful applicants will be required to pass the required Skills Test exams before the START of the programme. For more information <http://sta.education.gov.uk/>.

- **Will I be required to show I have my Skills Test completed before I apply?**

No, you may apply for the PGCE without having done your Skills Tests, however all successful applicants must have completed the exams before the start of the programme in September 2019.

- **Where can I take my Skills Tests?**

Please see the following link for all available test centres <http://sta.education.gov.uk/>. The possibility of opening a local test centre is being explored.

- **Will I have to submit an Enhanced Vetting Check (EVC) as part of my application?**

Only applicants that are invited for interview will be required to submit an Enhanced Vetting Check (EVC). Please contact Royal Gibraltar Police for more information. <http://www.police.gi/1/>

- **Will the PGCE Programme be a full-time or part-time programme?**

At this stage the PGCE programme will only run full-time, starting September 2019.

- **Is the PGCE programme aimed at Primary or Secondary teaching?**

We invite applications from those interested in Primary and Secondary teaching. In your personal statement please indicate which level you would like to pursue. In the case of Secondary teaching please indicate which subject you would like to specialise in.

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- How does the placement component of the programme work?

Students will be placed in two different schools during their studies.

- Will I have a mentor during my placement?

Yes, all students will be placed with a mentor to support them during their studies.

- Is the University of Gibraltar's PGCE programme the same as a UK PGCE programme?

The University of Gibraltar programme is aligned to the UK/QAA standards.

- Will I be able to work whilst undergoing my studies?

Due to the intense nature of the programme, along with the placement requirements you will be made to undertake, it will not be possible to work a standard 9 – 5 job during your studies.

- What can I expect the programme of study to be like?

Students will be expected to attend lectures and seminars at the University for part of the programme, as well as an expected 120 days of placements at local schools.

- Would I be able to apply for funding?

Gibraltar Government's Department of Education does have discretionary funding available. Please contact the Department for further information. **Please note the deadline for applications for this funding is the 7th June 2019.**

- Is student accommodation available?

Yes, the University does have student accommodation available. Please visit <https://www.unigib.edu.gi/accommodation/> for more information.