

## 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 **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

### ***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: <https://www.unigib.edu.gi/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Application-checklist.pdf>

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

All completed applications will be reviewed after the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 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 an interview, expected to take place around mid-April 2022. Full details will be sent to you should you be short-listed for interview.

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

Spaces are limited due to the nature of the course. The University of Gibraltar works to provide its students with a personalised learning experience and to ensure this our programme recruitment is carefully managed.

### ***Will I need to take my Professional Skills Test?***

Applicants will be required to have passed the Professional Skills Test exams by the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to be eligible for a place on this programme. All offers of a place on this programme will be conditional on applicants having successfully passed these exams by said date.

### ***Where can I take my Professional Skills Test?***

The Literacy and Numeracy Skills Tests are offered by the University of Gibraltar at its Europa Point Campus.

- There will be 3 sittings for these tests:

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	09:30 – 12:30
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	09:30 – 12:30
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	09:30 – 12:30
- Candidates will be able to sit the examinations on any of these days as long as they register to do so.
- Candidates may sit the examinations more than once.
- There will be an administrative fee of £15.00 for each examination, payable on the day of the examination at the University.
- These will be the only dates that the Skills Tests will be on offer. As any candidate wishing to have their application considered must have passed both the numeracy and literacy examinations (they form part of the minimum entry requirements for this programme) it is incumbent on applicants to ensure they book themselves in to sit the examinations.

***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 [seo@unigib.edu.gi](mailto:seo@unigib.edu.gi) for more information.

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

The PGCE programme is a full-time, one year, programme.

***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. Please note that, although every effort will be made to accommodate your preference (primary or secondary), being able to do so cannot be guaranteed.

***How does the placement component of the programme work?***

Students will be placed in two different schools during their studies for a minimum of 120 days in total throughout the year.

***Will I have a mentor during my placement?***

Yes, all students will be placed with a school based mentor while on placement 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 need to undertake, it will not be possible to work a standard 9:00 – 5:00 job during your studies.

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

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

***Would I be able to apply for funding?***

The Gibraltar Government's Department of Education does have discretionary funding available. Please note the window for the applications for this funding typically is around June. You should contact the Department of Education directly for further information.

***Is student accommodation available?***

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