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### What is Mid Essex ITT?

Mid Essex is a school-based Initial Teacher Training scheme. This means that you will undertake most of your training within a school environment. We will train you to teach at secondary school level.

#### Tell me about the course....

- There is a combination of school based training & provider-led training
- You will spend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in your school
- General Professional Studies takes place every Thursday morning
- Subject Professional Studies takes place every Thursday afternoon
- You will train in two different schools
- You will have a visit to a primary school
- You will also visit a special school
- Support of at least three different mentors



#### How long is the course?

One year. The course will start the first week of September 2018 and will run until 28th June 2019. The course is full-time and you will need to be available Monday-Friday during term-time.

#### What qualification will I get at the end?

If you successfully complete the course, you will be awarded Qualified Teacher Status or "QTS". Fee-paying trainees also work towards a Professional Graduate Certificate of Education (ProfGCE). Our ProfGCE is accredited by the University of Greenwich.



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#### Is QTS of equal value to a PGCE?

QTS is the professional qualification that is required to teach in state schools in England and Wales. However, regulations vary in different countries – some insist on the academic qualification of PGCE. If you intend to teach abroad you should check the regulations in the relevant country.

Both routes are equally promoted and valued and we have found that schools will want to employ great teachers regardless.

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### Why Mid Essex?

- Mid Essex has a small, friendly team of staff who get to know all our trainees well and are able to offer personalised support for them every Thursday.
- We have links with over 20 schools around Essex.
- Excellent employment record: virtually all our successful trainees are offered NQT teaching posts, many in the schools in which they trained.
- All of our training is run by experienced, practising teachers.
- Weekly training in professional conference facilities in Braintree.



- Additional, weekly subject specific training.
- Continual assessment process.
- Support of a mentor, professional mentor and subject mentor, plus our Course Tutors and Programme Manager.
- We have over 20 years of experience and over 500 teachers have trained with us.
- Mid Essex ITT is fully committed to fairness and equality. We strive to recruit from all backgrounds and value the diversity this brings to the profession. We have full disabled access at our training venue and a number of our schools. We welcome any requests from applicants concerning anything we can do to support you as you apply to join the course.

 Notley High School  
& Braintree Sixth Form

Our offices at Notley High School are open Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm.  
We will always endeavour to answer your queries and guide you through the  
teacher training process.

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### Tell me more about the training

- The majority of your training will be school-based. You will have a Professional Mentor and a Subject Mentor at your school to support you.
- We start the year with a week of intensive “Induction” training.
- You will then spend four days a week at your placement school, and one day a week receiving training.
- All the Mid Essex ITT trainees meet up every Thursday morning for General Professional Studies (GPS). This takes place at the fantastic Braintree Arts Theatre, based on the campus of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Each week we will look at a different aspect of teaching, with all sessions being run by a variety of experienced, practising teachers. This also allows you to chat to the other trainees from across the scheme and share your experiences.
- On Thursday afternoons, you will have Subject Professional Studies (SPS). You will be in a small group with trainees studying the same subject as you. The sessions will be led by your Lead Subject Mentor who will be an experienced, practising subject teacher. You will learn how to apply the skills you have learnt in GPS to your particular subject.
- Fee-paying trainees will also have additional “Academic Days”. These are dedicated to working towards the ProfGCE qualification.
- All our trainers are practising teachers. This means that our trainees are learning from professionals who really know what it is like to be in a classroom.
- The trainee teachers can borrow books from our well stocked professional development library at Notley High School. You will also be given access to the University of Greenwich’s online library too.
- In order to be awarded QTS, you will receive lesson observations throughout the year and submit a Professional Portfolio of evidence against the 8 Teachers Standards. If you are also completing the ProfGCE (Professional Graduate Certificate in Education), you will also complete a number of assignments.



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### Am I eligible to train?

The *minimum* entry requirements are:

- ✓ A degree at classification 2:2 or above
- ✓ Grade C or above in GCSE Maths
- ✓ Grade C or above in GCSE English

#### Professional Skills Test

Before starting the course, you will also need to have passed both the Professional Skills Tests for Numeracy and Literacy. You can book your Professional Skills Tests here:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/passing-the-skills-tests>

## Help! I'm missing one of the requirements!

#### International Qualifications

If you have an international qualification, you can obtain a Statement of Comparability from NARIC, the National Recognition Information Centre: [www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk)



#### Equivalency Testing

If you do not have GCSE Maths or English in Grade C or above, you can take an equivalency test instead. We can recommend the following organisations:

[www.equivalencytesting.com](http://www.equivalencytesting.com) or [www.astarteachers.co.uk](http://www.astarteachers.co.uk)

## What subject can I teach? What is SKE?



If you want to teach a subject but you are not sure if your subject knowledge is not up to scratch, we can point you in the direction of a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course. This could be because your degree wasn't in your chosen subject, but it was closely related, or you have an A level in the subject. A SKE will allow you to build up or refresh your existing knowledge. SKE courses are free for shortage subjects such as Computing, English, Maths, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, French, German or Spanish.

We recommend the SKE courses with the TES Institute ([www.tes.com/institute/subject-knowledge-enhancement-ske](http://www.tes.com/institute/subject-knowledge-enhancement-ske)). You can only register for a SKE course once you have accepted a place on a teacher training course.

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### Which subjects are available?

For 2018-2019, Mid Essex ITT will offer teacher training in:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Physics
- Psychology
- RE

### What type of teacher training is on offer?

1. School-centred initial teacher training (SCITT)
2. School Direct, fee-paying
3. School Direct, salaried

#### What is the School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) & School Direct, fee-paying route?

Trainees on our SCITT and School Direct (fee-paying) courses receive the same, identical training experience. Trainees will have one main 'A' placement school and a second, shorter 'B' placement. The majority of the training (four days a week) will be in the classroom, with a full day of training every Thursday. Trainees will gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Professional Graduate Certificate of Education (ProfGCE) on completion of the course. You will receive induction training in July, the course will start on the first week of September (different schools have different start dates) and finish at the end of June. The course particularly suits applicants who already have a lot of school experience as you will be based in schools from the beginning, however for those applicants with less experience, there will be plenty of opportunity to learn and train in the classroom. All fee-paying trainees (SCITT and School Direct) who are training in shortage subjects will be eligible to receive a government bursary or scholarship of up to £28,000. Our tuition fees are £9,000 and can be paid using a loan from Student Finance England.

#### What is the School Direct, salaried route?

This route is mainly aimed at career changers with at least three years' work experience (in addition to the standard requirements). This may be in any career and does not have to be from an educational setting. High-quality graduates with less experience, especially in Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Modern Foreign Languages and Computer Science, may also be considered. You will earn a salary as you train. A typical salary for an unqualified teacher is £16,626. Your school will also pay your tuition fees for you too. Salaried trainees will have one main 'A' placement school and a second, shorter 'B' placement. The majority of the training (four days a week) will be in the classroom, with a full day of training every Thursday. Trainees will gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) on completion of the course. You will receive induction training in July, the course will start on the first week of September (different schools have different start dates) and finish at the end of June. The salaried route is only eligible in certain subjects.

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### Where will I teach?

Each year, Mid Essex ITT works with around 20 schools in Essex. You will have the opportunity to work at two of these schools. We aim to place you in a school which best suits your requirements.

#### Mid Essex ITT's Consortium Schools:

**Alec Hunter Academy**, Braintree [www.alechunter.org](http://www.alechunter.org)

**Brentwood County High School**, Brentwood [www.bchs.essex.sch.uk](http://www.bchs.essex.sch.uk)

**Chelmer Valley High School**, Chelmsford [www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk](http://www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk)

**The Deanes School**, Thundersley [www.deanesschool.co.uk](http://www.deanesschool.co.uk)

**Greensward Academy**, Hockley [www.greenswardacademy.org](http://www.greenswardacademy.org)

**Helena Romanes School**, Great Dunmow [www.helena-roman.essex.sch.uk](http://www.helena-roman.essex.sch.uk)

**Hylands School**, Chelmsford [www.hylands.essex.sch.uk](http://www.hylands.essex.sch.uk)

**Mayflower High School**, Billericay [www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk](http://www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk)

**Moulsham High School**, Chelmsford [www.moulshamhigh.org](http://www.moulshamhigh.org)

**Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form**, Braintree [www.notleyhigh.com](http://www.notleyhigh.com)

**The Plume School**, Maldon [www.plume.essex.sch.uk](http://www.plume.essex.sch.uk)

**The Ramsey Academy**, Halstead [www.ramseyacademy.com](http://www.ramseyacademy.com)

**The Sandon School**, Chelmsford [www.sandon.essex.sch.uk](http://www.sandon.essex.sch.uk)

**Shenfield High School**, Shenfield [www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk)

#### Mid Essex ITT's Associated Schools:

**The Billericay School**, Billericay [www.billericay.essex.sch.uk](http://www.billericay.essex.sch.uk)

**Gable Hall School**, Corringham [www.gablehall.com](http://www.gablehall.com)

**Heddingham School**, Sible Heddingham [www.heddingham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.heddingham.essex.sch.uk)

**King Edmund School**, Rochford [www.kes.essex.sch.uk](http://www.kes.essex.sch.uk)

**Ormiston, Sudbury Academy** [www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk](http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk)

You can view an interactive map of all our schools on our website:

<http://www.midessexteachertraining.com/about-us/our-schools>

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### Let's talk about the money...

#### How much does it cost?

The tuition fee to train as a teacher with Mid Essex ITT is £9,000.

#### How can I pay the £9,000?

You can apply for a loan from Student Finance England. They will pay the money directly to Mid Essex ITT to cover your fees. You will only have to repay the loan after you are earning over £21,000. You will receive interest on the loan at the Rate of Inflation + 3%.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

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#### Will I get paid?

School Direct "salaried" trainees do receive a salary. This is an on-the-job programme that allows you to qualify as a teacher and pays a salary while you work. The school will cover the cost of your training to become a qualified teacher too.

#### Is there any funding?

Yes! Many subjects are eligible for a tax-free bursary. This does not have to be paid back. The amount of funding depends on the subject you intend to teach, your degree classification or highest relevant academic qualification. You do not need to apply for a bursary – if you are enrolled on a fee-paying course and meet the eligibility criteria, you will begin receiving payments on 1st October and will be paid the remainder over the ten months of training.

	Physics Chemistry Computing Geography Languages	Biology	Maths	English	Design & Technology	History RE
Scholarship	£28,000		£22,000			
1 <sup>st</sup> / PhD	£26,000	£26,000	£20,000	£15,000	£12,000	£9,000
2:1 / Masters	£26,000	£26,000	£20,000	£15,000	£9,000	£4,000
2:2	£26,000	£26,000	£20,000	£15,000	£0	£0

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### ...more about the money

#### Scholarships for 2018-2019

Scholarships of £28,000 and £22,000 are available in Computing, Chemistry, Geography, Languages, Maths and Physics. These prestigious awards are aimed at high-quality graduates with a 2:1 or first-class degree. The scholarship will be instead of the standard bursary, but trainees who are not awarded the scholarship will still be eligible for the standard bursaries. As well as financial support, as a scholar you'll enjoy a range of prestigious benefits, including:

- free membership from the professional subject associations awarding the scholarship
- access to resources and events to support you through your training
- support to improve your teacher practice and subject knowledge
- networking opportunities from a community of like-minded scholars

For further information, visit the appropriate subject association website:

- BCS, The Chartered Institute for **Computing**: <http://academy.bcs.org>
- Royal Society of **Chemistry**: [www.rsc.org](http://www.rsc.org)
- Royal **Geographical** Society (with IBG): [www.rgs.org](http://www.rgs.org)
- British Council (for **languages**): [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)
- **Mathematics** Teacher Training Scholarships: [www.teachingmathsscholars.org](http://www.teachingmathsscholars.org)
- Institute of **Physics** scholarships: [www.iop.org](http://www.iop.org)

#### I might need some extra financial support.

That's ok. You might be eligible for extra funds:

- **Maintenance Loan for Living Costs of up to £8,430.** This is for full-time students. You may need to give details of your household income.
- **Full-time Parents' Learning Allowance.** A Parents' Learning Allowance is additional funding to help students who are also parents. This can be used for everyday costs of study like paying for books, study materials and travel.
- **Disabled Students' Allowances.** Disabled Students' Allowances are additional funding to help students pay the extra essential costs they may have as a direct result of a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia. The support available to an eligible student will depend on their individual needs and not on their income.
- Take a look here to see if you're eligible: [www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

#### Any other perks?

If you are following the non-salaried School Direct route, you are also a full-time student and can apply for an NUS Extra discount card. See [www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra](http://www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra)



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### How do I apply?

# UCAS

All applications are via **UCAS**. The website has lots of helpful information too:

[www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training)

All Mid Essex ITT places are attached to a Lead School, and therefore you will need to apply to:

**Mid Essex SCITT Consortium (provider code: M82)**  
**and/or**  
**Lyons Hall Primary and Secondary Partnership (provider code: 1JW)**

Both will offer you exactly the same training with Mid Essex ITT – it is simply a different code on UCAS. You can apply for courses under both of the provider names if you choose.

#### What are you looking for?

We are looking for ambitious trainee teachers who are passionate and enthusiastic about their subject and have a desire to share it with young people of all abilities in the secondary age range.

#### References

You will need two referees. References must be completed online before you can submit your application. References must be academic or professional. We cannot accept personal references.

#### Personal Statement

Make sure you get the grammar, spelling and punctuation correct and include the following:

- your reasons for wanting to teach
- evidence that you understand the rewards and challenges of teaching
- details of your previous education and how you have benefitted from it
- experience of teaching such as visits to schools, classroom observation or working as a teaching assistant
- any other work with young people such as helping with a youth club, working at a summer camp or running a sports team
- the range of relevant abilities and skills you can bring to teaching, for example, practical experience, managing people, working with or leading a team and communication skills
- whether you've taken part in the School Experience Programme (SEP)

#### Key Dates:

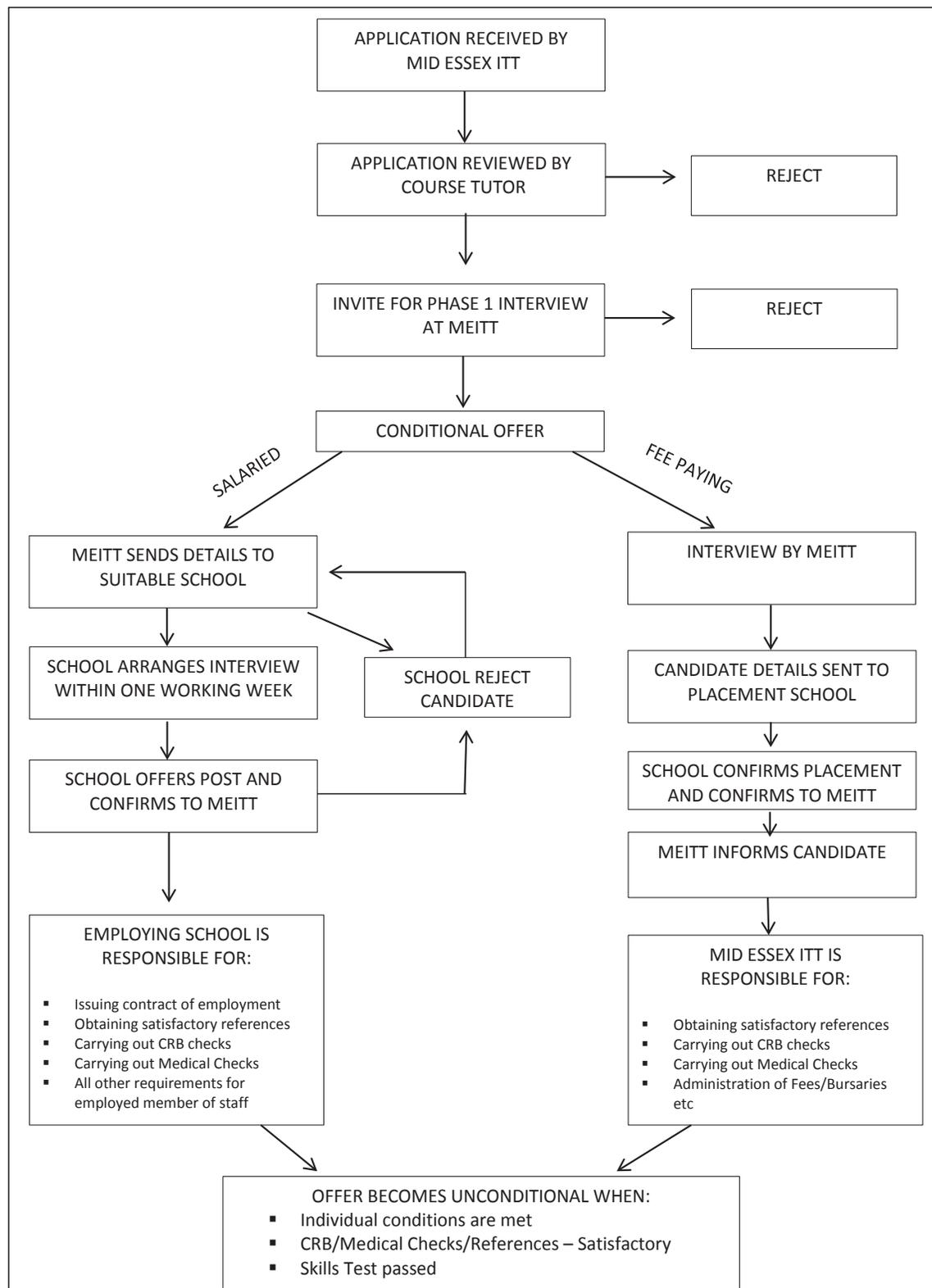
<b>26th October 2017:</b>	<b>UCAS Apply 1 opens</b>
<b>16th November 2017:</b>	<b>UCAS Apply 2 opens</b>
<b>Mid-July 2018:</b>	<b>Mid Essex ITT Induction Training starts</b>
<b>September 2018:</b>	<b>You will start at your placement school</b>
<b>28th June 2019:</b>	<b>The course will end</b>

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### Application Procedure



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