



National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

NPQH provides recognition of leadership development and professional achievement for anyone aspiring to be a Headteacher. Trainee Heads have access to high-quality learning materials and accounts of practice from outstanding leaders, will reflect on their own leadership through discussion with peers and put theory into practice continuing to improve their own leadership in order to have a greater impact within their institution. The qualification not only focuses on the key skills needed for headship, but also meets the highest standards for leadership development anywhere in the world. NPQH is a high bar that will challenge and develop talented leaders from all backgrounds to deliver educational excellence in a self-improving system, and high quality outcomes for pupils and students.

NPQH is assessed and accredited by the National College for Teaching and Leadership. The qualification has a flexible, modular structure.

Eligibility Criteria

NPQH is suitable for candidates who are highly motivated to become a Headteacher, no more than 18 months from applying for headship. Applicants must first pass the gateway assessment before undertaking the qualification. If you would like to discuss eligibility, please [contact us](#).

Outstanding Leaders Partnership Delivery Model

Trainee heads are expected to complete the qualification within a 12 month period. Trainee headteachers benefit from:

- five face-to-face training events
- five facilitated online courses working alongside peers*
- termly face-to-face and online coaching sessions
- regular online conferences to support and compliment learning
- access to two 360° leadership skills diagnostics
- support from a nominated in-school mentor
- facilitation and coaching from serving school leaders in outstanding schools
- a nine-day school placement (identified according to location, phase and specialism)
- mobile enabled virtual learning environment enabling flexible access to course resources and support community

*Online courses take around 15hrs and cover a four week period. The courses are facilitated by sector experts and provide a structured pathway through the module resources. Course activities are completed collaboratively helping enhance comprehension and application.

Assessment

Trainee heads are required to complete three assessed tasks that demonstrate they can deliver successful and sustainable improvement in their school or setting:

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- Task 1: leading school improvement priority in own (or agreed) school
- Task 2: leading school improvement tasks, working in partnership with the placement school
- Task 3: case study and presentation/interview

Fees & Scholarship Funding

The course fee, exclusive of final assessment, is **£2,250**. The National College have committed to funding final assessment for all eligible trainees* that submit prior to **September 2017**. For trainee heads that submit after this date assessment fees may apply.

The Outstanding Leaders Partnership are providing a **£500 scholarship** for the first 90 eligible* registrants. Scholarships will be deducted automatically, making the fee payable **£1,750**.

*All English state-maintained schools and academies

About Outstanding Leaders Partnership

The Outstanding Leaders Partnership (OLP) is led by the Dean Trust and managed by Best Practice Network. OLP is licensed by the National College for Teaching and Leadership and boasts an excellent delivery team of serving leaders from outstanding schools. The OLP strategic board comprises of:

Ashton on Mersey TS | Bury Secondary Learning Collaborative | East Cheshire Association of Primary Headteachers | The Heath Family | Trafford TSA | Weatherhead High School

"The qualification has been the best piece of CPD I have undertaken bar none. Not only did it give me a solid theoretical grounding but it also gave me the confidence to put these skills into the practice. Staff and colleagues say that they have seen the dramatic impact the course has had on my leadership development."

Leigh Holmes, NPQH Graduate

How to apply

NPQH trainees must first complete the national gateway assessment. This involves a written application with support from your Headteacher (or sponsor). Applications must be completed by no later than **Thursday 2nd June**. Successful applicants will be notified by **5th July**. Where outcomes are inconclusive an interview will be conducted to establish readiness.

To apply for the qualification with the Outstanding Leaders Partnership please download the NPQH application form and supporting documentation via our [NPQH application request form](#)

Further Information

For further information and to learn more about the other leadership qualifications available contact us on 0117 9209 424, email info@outstandingleaders.org or visit www.outstandingleaders.org.

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Autumn 2016 Delivery Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Online Web Conferences	 Introduction Early Sep	 SiH Intro November	 LiT Intro January	 LES Intro March		
Facilitated Face-to-Face Training	 Induction Day 1 Mid-Sep	 SiH Day 2 Late Nov	 LiT Day 3 Early Feb	 LES Day 4 Late March		 Readiness Mid-July
Online Short Courses		 SiH Online Short Course November	 LiT Online Short Course January	 LES Online Short Course March	 Elective 1 Short Course May	 Elective 2 Short Course June
Candidate Responsibilities	 Complete Diagnostic	 Assigned Placement School		 Select Elective Modules	 Book Assessment Window	 Complete Diagnostic
Coaching Face-to-face (6) & Online (3)		 		 		 
9 Days School Placement		