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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
HEPGCEAD; HEPGCEBI; HEPGCEBSE; HEPGCECH; HEPGCECP; HEPGCEES; HEPGCEGE; HEPGCEHI; HEPGCEMT; HEPGCEMFL; HEPGCEPE; HEPGCEPH	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) (Secondary)

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- Suitability to train to teach is assessed at interview. We recommend that applicants undertake observation time in a state secondary school prior to interview but this is not essential.
- You will be required to demonstrate competency in functional English and maths during your programme of study.
- You will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) barred list and criminal records check, and a Declaration of Disqualification by Association. You are also required to respond to targeted and relevant health questions.
- There are 30 weeks of assessed school-based training spread over the year of training.
- School-Based Training placements must be successfully completed for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) to be made.
- Attendance is required at all scheduled sessions.
- Accreditation – PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status.
- Bursary payments (if you are eligible for a bursary) are made direct to your bank account from October to July (10 monthly instalments). Bursary money cannot be used to off-set your PGCE fees however you may be able to set up an arrangement with UH Student Finance to pay your fees as you receive your bursary payment. If you withdraw or suspend your studies bursary payments are stopped.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The PGCE Secondary does not follow the standard academic year. The term dates are as follows:

- Autumn Monday 11 September 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
- Spring Thursday 4 January 2024 to Friday 29 March 2024
- Summer Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 21 June 2024

For semester dates please visit: <https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/term-and-semester-dates>

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Travel costs when on school-based training (SBT)	1	Mandatory	Dependent on distance*
Travel costs to additional SBT settings	1	Mandatory	Dependent on distance*
Text Books	1	Mandatory	£80
Text Books	1	Optional	£100
Occupational Health Clearance	On commencing the Programme	Mandatory	Confirmation from a GP may well incur a cost. This will vary depending on your own GP
Resources when on placement	Each Year		Additional costs for planning and resourcing during your time in school may, at times, have to be borne by individual students.
*Funding support is available when the distance travelled exceeds a student's normal travel to the University campus			