



If you are considering becoming a teacher, you may want to ask your local school if you can sit in on a few lessons first

Get on course to a fulfilling career

TEACHING is an increasingly popular career for a wide range of people, whether they are about to graduate or are qualified graduates who have decided on a career change.

If you want to teach, what qualifications are necessary in order to embark on your own challenging adventure?

To start at the beginning: if you are taking A Levels, and are aiming for a dedicated three-year course of undergraduate study, you will need two passes at A Level (equivalent to at least 200 UCAS points), in addition to GCSE Grade C or above in English and mathematics.

Already graduated? In addition to a first degree from a UK institution (though additional training is available for those who qualified overseas), the entry requirements for a one year (full-time, two on

a part-time basis) Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) course, which leads directly to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), are normally a minimum of GCSE Grade C or above in English and mathematics.

If you are aiming to be a primary school teacher, at key stages 2/3 level, you will also need a GCSE grade C in a science subject.

Those holding a Higher National Diploma or Higher National Certificate qualification can follow a two-year BSc Secondary degree programme (one year part-time) with QTS, in order to train in the secondary sector.

In Wales, this course is run at University of Wales, Newport.

To become a teacher in state-maintained schools in Wales and England, QTS must be achieved by all teachers, regardless of the ages they are intending to teach.

QTS focuses on the theory and practice of teaching.

Early Years education caters for children aged from three to seven, primary for those between five and 11, and secondary from 11 to 16, so you will need to think about the age group you would prefer teaching.

A period of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) enables candidates to meet the professional standards necessary for QTS.

All trainee teachers undertaking an ITT course are required to pass a Skills Test in numeracy, literacy and information and communications technology (ICT), before they can be awarded QTS.

Passing these tests is one of the standards for Qualifying to Teach, as set out by the Training and Development Agency (TDA) for Schools.

It is always a good idea to approach schools to observe lessons, to see if

teaching is for you. Short Prepare to Teach courses are also available to help you make up your mind.

The Government is particularly keen to encourage graduates into the teaching profession, and, encouragingly, there are various sources of financial support available to trainee teachers.

For up-to-date information contact the National Assembly for Wales or visit the website www.studentfinance.wales.co.uk.

The Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) in Wales offers a way in which to qualify as a teacher while you work. The one year full-time course enables trainees to undertake an individual programme designed to meet QTS standards.

● For more information visit www.rtda.gov.uk, The General Teaching Council for Wales at www.gtcw.org.uk, or www.teacher.net.gov.uk.

CANOLFAN ADDYSG ATHRAWON GOGLEDD A CHANOLBARTH CYMRU NORTH & MID WALES CENTRE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Mae Prifysgolion Aberystwyth a Bangor yn dod at ei gilydd i ddarparu Hyfforddiant ac Addysg Gychwynnol Athrawon ar gyfer Gogledd a Chanolbarth Cymru. Bydd y Ganolfan yn cynnig y dechrau gorau posibl i ddarpar athrawon. Bydd yn darparu addysg uwch o'r radd flaenaf yn un o ardaloeedd goddocaf Prydain. Fe fydd yr awyrgylch yn groesawus a chyfeilgar a chaiff darpar athrawon hyfforddiant a chefnogaeth o'r radd flaenaf.

Aberystwyth and Bangor Universities are joining forces to provide Initial Teacher Education and Training for North and Mid-Wales. The Centre will provide the best possible start for trainee teachers. It will offer first rate higher education in one of Britain's most beautiful locations. The atmosphere will be welcoming and friendly and trainee teachers will receive training and support of the highest standard.

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Cymraeg/Welsh

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Gwyddoniaeth(Bioleg,Cemeg,Ffiseg)/Science
(Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
Cymraeg/Welsh



Those that can, teach. You can, too

THEY say no-one forgets a good teacher. And it's true – a teacher who inspired you could well be responsible for your career today.

Sadly, in times gone by, some teachers were positively horrid. Thankfully, the days of being too frightened to ask a question are long gone.

Today's teachers are universally dedicated to bringing the best out of their charges – often with spectacular results.

Professional teachers gain tremendous satisfaction from helping their pupils succeed. They genuinely care for children, and are certainly not in their job for the holidays – which they really need.

Indeed, being a teacher is not an easy option. In order to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) – which every teacher must possess, regardless of age taught – rigorous training demanding total commitment is necessary.

That aside, many people are recognising the advantages of a career in teaching. Those who have been there, done it and got the T-shirt say things along the lines of: "Working with children is demanding but rewarding. You learn

something new every day, and it is fantastic to see a child's progression and personal and social development following the work you have done with them."

From the newly graduated to those who have had careers very much outside the context of the classroom, there is no 'standard' teacher training student.

All, however, will respond to what children have said when asked 'what makes a good teacher': qualities such as being kind and generous, listening, offering encouragement, having faith in their pupils, taking time to explain things, helping out when you are stuck, telling you how you are doing, not giving up on you, treating people equally, telling the truth, being forgiving, and standing up for you.

All qualities one would expect of a well-rounded citizen, in fact.

In return, teaching pays surprisingly well. A newly qualified teacher in Wales earns at least £20,627 (from September 2008), and up to £30,842, depending on previous experience.

In addition to your basic salary you can earn additional payments, known as Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR)

payments, by taking on extra responsibilities.

What's more, the teaching profession in Wales offers excellent early opportunities for swift progression.

If you are really ambitious, eventually you may want to take on ultimate responsibility for the running of a school in the role of head teacher.

Wales offers excellent opportunities for appropriately qualified people to train to become teachers. Aberystwyth and Bangor universities being the biggest providers in North Wales. Both have joined forces recently in an exciting new partnership to create the new Centre of Teacher Education in North and Mid Wales.

The social reformer Robert Owen, born in Powys in 1771 and one of the foremost social reformers of the 19th century, said: "To train and educate the rising generation will, at all times, be the first objective of society."

Today, the Robert Owen Group is an accredited provider of Initial Teacher Training in the West Midlands.

If you feel you want to make a difference, read on to find out how to get the ball rolling.



Teachers can – and do – make a difference to people's lives



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TAR hyblyg gyda'r Brifysgol Agored

Am fod yn athro, ond yn teimlo na allwch ffordio astudio neu roi'r gorau i'ch ymrwymiadau eraill?

Os felly, mae TAR y Brifysgol Agored, set yr unig gwrs hyfforddi athrawon rhan amser yng Nghymru, yma i helpu. Drwy astudio gyda'r Brifysgol Agored, gallwch drefnu eich hyfforddiant o amgylch eich gwaith neu'ch bywyd teuluel a chael grantiau gwerth hyd at £9,000.

Mae'r rhan fwyaf o fyfyrwr TAR yn cwblhau eu hyfforddiant o fewn dwy flynedd, ond yn dilynny ar eich profiad blaenorol gallech gwolhau eich astudiaethau mewn cyn lleied â blwyddyn.

"Mae gallu cyfluno fy mywyd cartref a phersonol ag astudio am gymystrerau cydnabyddedig, uchel eu parch wedi hoi'r cyfle i mi gyflawni'r hyn mwyf bob amser wedi ei eisiau," Lyndon Powell, myfyrwr TAR gyda'r Brifysgol Agored yng Nghymru

Mae TAR hyblyg gyda'r Brifysgol Agored yn cynnig holl fanteision dysgu agored tra'n darparu hyfforddiant athro ysgol uwchradd o'r radd flaenaf. Byddwn yn nodi meysydd y mae angen i chi ganolbwyntio eich astudiaethau arnynt ac yn llunio Cynllun Hyfforddi Unigol. Yna gyda chymorth un o ddiworaid personol y Brifysgol Agored ac adnoddau o'r radd flaenaf, byddwch yn gweithio tuag at eich Statws Athro Cymwys ar gyflymtra sy'n addas i chi.

Byddwn yn bodloni eich gofynion. Cymewch â'r myfyrwr y Brifysgol Agored yng Nghymru. Yn Arolwg Myfyrwr Cenedlaethol 2009, am y bumed fwyddyn yn ôlynoi, dangoswyd bod myfyrwr y Brifysgol Agored yn fwy bodlon ar ansawdd eu hadddyw uwch na'r rhai mewn unrhyw brifysgol arall yng Ngymru. "Roedd y myfyrwr TAR erall i gwddais yn genfigennus o ansawdd a pherthnasedd y deunyddiau yr oeddwn yn gweithio gyda hwy," Derek Collins.

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A flexible PGCE with the Open University

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"Being able to combine my home and personal life with studying for recognised and respected qualifications has given me the opportunity to achieve what I always wanted." Lyndon Powell OU PGCE student in Wales

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"Other PGCE students I met were envious of the quality and relevance of the materials I was working with." Derek Collins.

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