

# Train to Teach

in the classroom



**Teaching**   
Every Lesson Shapes a Life

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# About Initial Teacher Training

Unlike university-based teacher training programmes, where you have a number of different placements, our programme allows you to do most of your training in one school. The major benefit of this is that you can put your academic learning into practice in a classroom environment where you feel familiar and comfortable.

You'll have a dedicated mentor throughout your training- an experienced teacher who works alongside you in your school to offer guidance and support.

You'll learn through a combination of self-guided learning, face-to-face and online sessions with other trainees. In-school activities will include classroom teaching practice, peer support and one-to-one guidance from your mentor. The practical teaching experience you gain will mean you finish the training confident to teach in a classroom.

## How the Course Works

On our ITT programme, you'll be in your placement school five days a week, learning, observing and practicing your teaching. At one point in the year, you'll complete a brief secondary placement in a school that's different to your main placement, allowing you to experience different types of teaching.

This is an **11-month course**, at the end of which you'll be a fully qualified teacher, gaining your **PGCE & QTS**.



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## About ATT Institute (ATTI)

ATT Institute is part of Academy Transformation Trust (ATT), a MAT with 22 academies across the Midlands and East of England. We provide award-winning professional development to education professionals in and beyond our organisation.

We aim to provide training and development opportunities that are innovative, inclusive and impactful, allowing those that engage with them to transform the lives of children in the schools they work in.

## About Ambition Institute

Ambition Institute is a national education charity providing teacher training and professional development based on the most rigorous evidence about what really works. They're shaping the future of education to give every child the best start in life. To date, Ambition's teaching programmes have supported 54,000 teachers and school leaders from 9,500 schools. Together, these schools reach nearly 4.3 million pupils.

*“Although I’ve only been here 10 weeks, it doesn’t feel like that. It feels like I’ve slotted straight into place and I’m supported by all the staff in the faculty”*

- George, ATTI Trainee  
Secondary Teacher



# Why Train With Us?

## *Build Relationships*

Ambition's Teacher Training programme prioritises your relationship with the pupils you teach and allows you to do most of your training in a single academy. This approach also gives you the opportunity to build relationships with teachers, staff and the wider community. By the end of your training, you will have the confidence to teach in a classroom on your own.

## *Expert Guidance*

Benefit from the joint expertise of Ambition and ATT. With 22 cross-phase academies and a team of 1720 colleagues, you'll receive support from our extensive network of education professionals. At the same time, you'll have the backing of the Ambition Institute's enormous experience, becoming one of more than 54,000 teachers who have trained with them.

## *Supportive Mentoring*

You will be paired with an experienced teacher who will make sure you are supported through your training.

## *Blended Learning*

You will get the high-quality academic training you'd expect from a university combined with immersive classroom learning.

## *Evidence-Based Training*

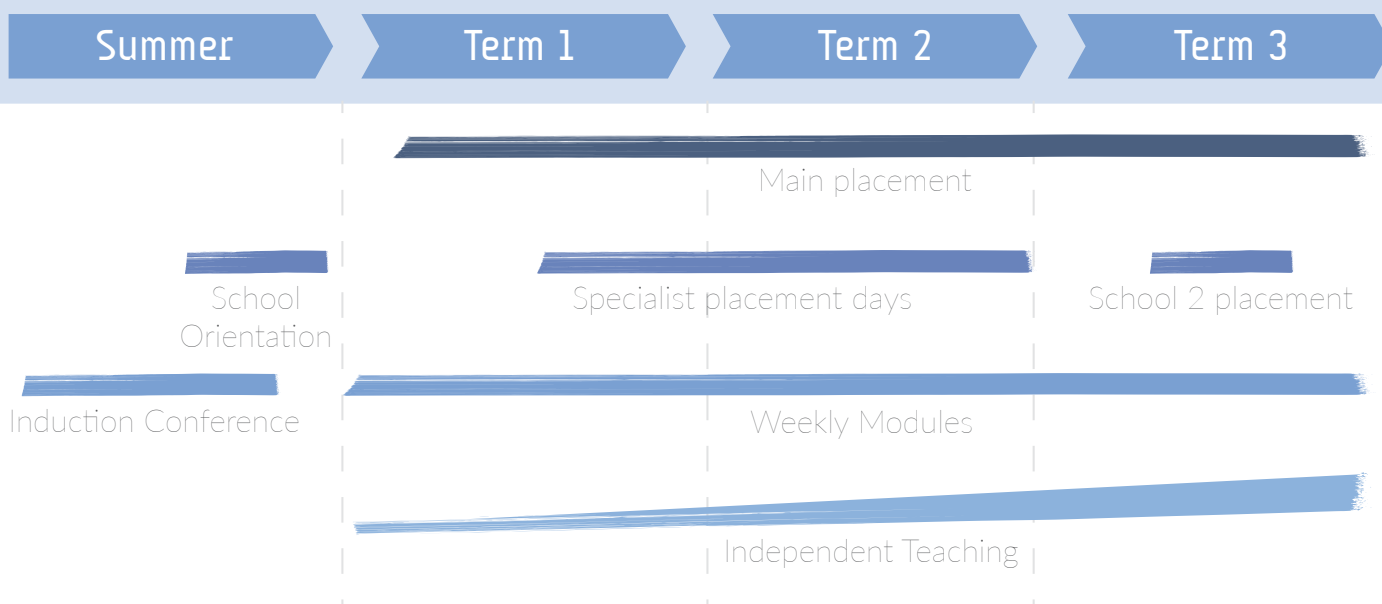
A high-quality curriculum, backed by the latest research and evidence, will help you focus on developing your expertise in your chosen subject (secondary) or phase (primary).

## *Balanced Workload*

Our Teacher Training is designed to build your confidence in the classroom and respect your need for a life away from work.

## Programme Overview

### *Initial Teacher Training*



## Strand

## Sub-Strand

## Module

Behaviour	Routines and expectations	Presenting emotional consistency
Assessment		Transition routines within class
Instruction	Responses and relationships	Setting clear expectations
Curriculum		Transition routines between classes
Professionalism	Building pupil self-regulation & self-efficacy	

# Programme Structure

## *Course Qualifications*

On completion of the programme, trainees will be awarded qualified teacher status (QTS), accredited by Ambition Institute, with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), awarded by partner organisation Liverpool Hope University.

## *Main Placement*

Trainees are based in a single school for the majority of the year, attending specialist placements in the autumn and spring terms, and a longer second school placement in the summer term, all with a minimum of 15 hours per week in the classroom spent teaching, team teaching, and observation others.

## *Specialist Placement Days*

In the autumn and spring terms, trainees attend about five specialist placement days, lasting between one and two days each. This helps trainees get a feel for the breadth of the educational landscape, and so they might visit a pupil referral unit (PRU), a special school, a forest school, or spend a day in an early years foundation stage (EYFS) classroom.

## *Second School Placement*

Trainees complete a second school placement of 10+ days in a setting that is noticeably different from their main school placement. For example, an urban or a rural school, an inner-city or a coastal school, a faith or non-faith school, or a school that serves a very different demographic.

## *Curriculum Structure*

The curriculum is organised into five key strands, sub-strands and weekly modules. The five strands each align with the statutory guidance in the Core Content Framework. Each strand is then broken down into several sub-strands, with further modules within each sub-strand. These individual modules become the trainee's weekly focus.

## *Spiral Curriculum*

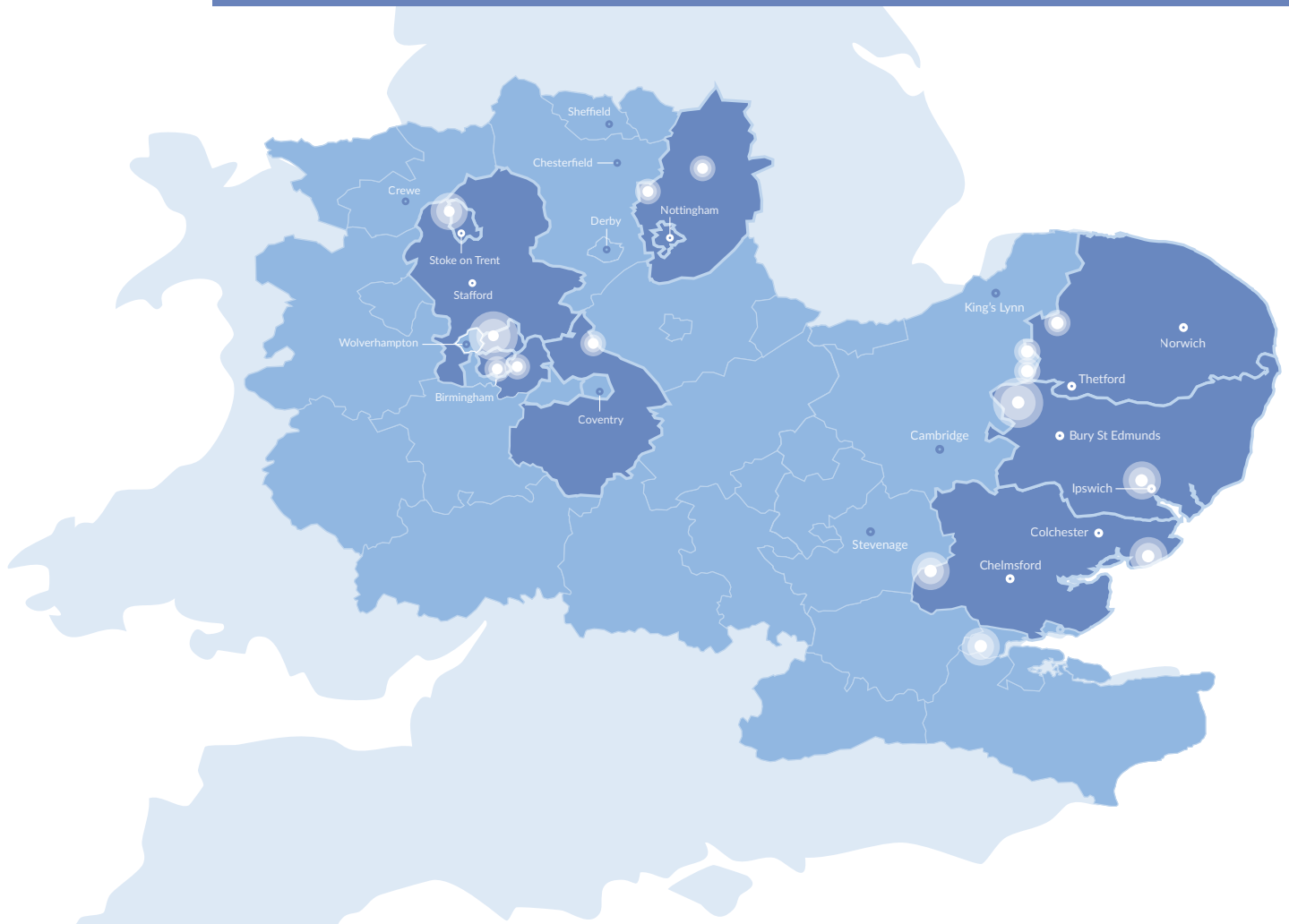
Cognitive science tells us that much of what we learn is likely to be forgotten, especially if we are only exposed to an idea or concept once. Because of this, our curriculum is 'spiral' in its structure: trainees will secure the foundations of high-quality teaching first, and later they will revisit this knowledge through the lens of adaptive teaching. They will build on previously taught content, looking at it in more depth and increasing complexity each time. This will allow trainees to develop knowledge that is more memorable over time.

# Our Locations

As you'll be training in your placement school five days a week for the entirety of your 11-month programme, it's important to ensure you'll be able to travel to one of our locations before you apply. Our schools are located across the Midlands and East of England- you can see a full list and exact locations [on our website](#).

*"In my opinion, you learn a lot more in a classroom"*

- Aazim, ATTI Trainee Secondary Teacher



# Course Outline

## Before your programme:

To apply, you first need to choose whether to train as a **primary** or **secondary** teacher. All applicants need an undergraduate degree at level 2:2 or above. You'll need core subject GCSEs (or accepted equivalent) at grade 4 (C) or above. For secondary trainees, these are maths and English; primary trainees will also need a science subject. You'll also need to have right to work in the UK for the entirety of the programme.

You can find out more about the **eligibility criteria** on our website.

## During your programme:

In 11 months, you'll qualify as a primary or secondary school teacher and achieve **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)** with a **Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)**. During the course, you'll flexibly online and in-person whilst being supported by an expert mentor. Based in one ATT academy for the majority of your training, you'll develop great relationships with colleagues and pupils alike whilst gaining useful classroom-based experience.

## After your programme:

You'll begin your teaching career on a £30k+ starting salary with 13 weeks holiday. The hands-on classroom experience you've gained will help you start teaching with confidence, and if you stay at an ATT academy, you'll be well-placed to start your **Early Career Teacher (ECT)** programme, also delivered by **Ambition Institute** in our schools. Demand for teachers in England is high, so even if you move on, you should find a quick start to your teaching career.

# ITT Finance

The two main routes to fund your ITT programme are Student Finance and bursaries. Finance works the same way as it does at undergraduate level, meaning that you'll make repayments on your student loan based on what you earn. You may also be eligible for a maintenance loan to help with your living expenses. Student Finance is available to Primary and Secondary trainee teachers, but eligibility criteria apply.



## Find Out More About ITT Finance

Visit our website or go to [www.gov.uk/teacher-training-funding](http://www.gov.uk/teacher-training-funding)

Bursaries are only available to Secondary trainee teachers. They are tax-free incentive payments offered by the UK Government. Unlike student loans, you don't need to repay a bursary. The amount you can get depends on the subject you're training to teach, and it could be up to £30,000. You can find the latest information about ITT bursaries on our website.



# A Week in the Life

## of a Trainee Teacher

### Independent Study

#### Weekly Study

Concise evidence summaries, examples of good practice and further academic reading focused on what trainees need to know, hosted on our Learning Management System.

### Taught Content

#### Professional Studies Clinic

Responsive, small-group, in-person sessions providing insights, techniques, practice opportunities and feedback from tutors. These sessions develop teaching knowledge and strategies.

#### Subject Studies Clinic

Responsive, small-group, in-person sessions that support trainees to teach across the secondary curriculum. The content of these clinics is delivered specifically through the lens of the trainees' subject.

#### Deliberate Practice Clinic

Trainees practise teaching skills in a safe space before going live in the classroom. Trainees benefit from feedback from an expert coach and the opportunity to re-practise.

### Mentor Support

#### Instructional Coaching

One-to-one mentor support. The mentor provides bite-sized pieces of feedback and supports the trainee to implement these before going live in the classroom.

#### Coaching on Planning

One-to-one-mentor support to help trainees plan lessons. Mentors might work with trainees to plan explanations, construct diagnostic questions or devise a marking strategy.

#### Workload and Wellbeing Support

### Teaching

#### Teaching

Trainees will have the opportunity to teach across a range of classes, experiencing two different key stages. Independent teaching will gradually increase across the year as trainees gain confidence and expertise.

### School Support

#### Team Teaching

#### Observation of Experienced Colleagues

#### Meeting Expert Colleagues

# The Golden Thread

## of Professional Development

The DfE's 'Golden Thread' comprises all the support, training and development available through the entirety of a teacher's career- and it begins with Initial Teacher Training! Moving on to the Early Career Teacher Programme (ECTP) and eventually more specialised National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), the Golden Thread roots teachers' development in the same consistent evidence-based understanding of what works.



NPQs

ECTP

ITT



At ATT Institute, our offer includes every part of the Golden Thread, all delivered in partnership with Ambition Institute.

Once you complete your teacher training, you'll be known as an Early Career Teacher (ECT) for the next two years of teaching. During these two years, you'll complete a mandatory ECT two-year induction programme, which allows you to advance your teaching skills using the same concepts and terminology that you learned through your teacher training year. If you stay on in your ATT placement school, you'll see the benefits of completing your ITT and ECT programmes with the same provider: repetition of concepts learnt during your teacher training is minimised, providing you with a consistent and stable foundation for you to continue your progression.

# Application Journey



## 1 Check Your Eligibility

You'll need:

- An undergraduate degree at grade 2:2 or above (in a relevant subject for secondary)
- GCSEs grade 4 (C) or above in English & maths and a science for primary)
- Right to work in the UK (unfortunately, we can't sponsor visas for ITT)

## 2 Submit Your Application

Visit our website to apply through the Ambition Institute application portal. If you're eligible, we'll be in touch to invite you to an interview.

## 3 Attend an Interview

Your interview will take place at your closest ATTI Hub, in either Suffolk or the West Midlands. We'll chat about teaching, the course, and your motivations for applying. We'll also ask you to complete a short practical task.

## 4 Accept Your Offer & Prepare

After your interview, we may offer you a place on our programme. Once you accept it, you can start preparing your ITT finance whilst we help you prepare the relevant checks and documentation.

## 5 Join Our Programme!

You'll join our programme in Summer 2026. We'll invite you to pre-programme meetings where you can get to know our team and your fellow trainees, and your course will start at the start of the school term in September.



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to learn more & apply

