

Applying for an Initial Teacher Education Course

# Qualifications

Check that you have the correct entry qualifications – if not contact the Admissions Office.

You will be expected to have **already** gained all of your GCSE entry qualifications (Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics plus Science for Primary and Early Years) before application.

# Professional Skills Tests

All entrants to QTS programmes need to have passed the Professional Skills Tests before

# 30th June.

Applicants should register with the NCTL (National College of Teaching and Leadership) as soon as you have applied for an ITT programme: [https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/passing-](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/passing-the-skills-tests) [the-skills-tests](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/passing-the-skills-tests).

# Research

You should research the National Curriculum in your subject area and/or age group, <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>and the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum if you are applying for Early Years <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>.

# Experience in Schools

It is not essential that candidates have school experience when they apply for a BEd Primary Education/ Early Years/ Physical Education or PGCE course, however, we would recommend that candidates obtain some observation experience to ensure that teaching is the right career path for them. If you want to gain experience, we suggest spending approx 10 days in a mainstream primary school or early years or secondary setting (depending on what you are applying for); this should give you a good overview of teaching.

You should also be aware of changes to policy and current issues in education. You should also research the current Safeguarding Policy:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/447595/KC](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/447595/KCSIE_July_2015.pdf)

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# Your Application

All Undergraduate and Postgraduate applicants should apply online at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com/)

* **BEd Early Years, BEd Primary PE, BEd Primary and BEd Secondary PE** should be submitted online at via UCAS by 15th January 2018.
* **School Direct and PGCEs** need to submit applications via UCAS. The application cycle normally opens in late October and recruits until programmes are full. We would recommend submitting an early application.

# Your Personal Statement

*Your personal statement should be well written with a high standard of English.*

We would expect to see the following covered in your personal statement:

* Why you want to teach;
* Why you want to teach this particular age group;
* The skills, personal qualities and experiences that will make you a good teacher.

# Interview

If you are selected, you will be interviewed by University tutors and representatives from our partnership schools. There will a range of activities:

## BEd Primary and Early Years/ PGCE Primary

* Presentation on the programme
* A group task/ interview which you will be sent in advance so you can prepare
* Individual interview
* Opportunities to meet staff, students and teachers
* Campus tour and information on Student Support services
* Literacy test/ Subject audits (PGCE only)

## BEd Secondary PE/PGCE Secondary PE

* Participate in practical activities
* Interview
* Literacy test

If you are unsuccessful with your undergraduate application, we will try to offer you an alternative course which can still provide a route into teaching.

We want you to succeed so if you have any queries, please look at our website, [www.marjon.ac.uk,](http://www.marjon.ac.uk/) or email [admissions@marjon.ac.uk.](mailto:admissions@marjon.ac.uk) Good luck!

# Marjon UCAS course codes 2018/ 19

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| ***Institution Code: P63*** | |
| **BEd Primary** | X120 |
| **BEd Primary (Early Years)** | X310 |
| **BEd Primary (PE)** | A9P2 |
| **BEd Secondary PE** | X1XH |
| **PGCE Primary** | X100 |
| **PGCE Secondary PE** | X9C6 |
| **PGCE Secondary Modern Foreign Languages** | R9X1 |
| **PGCE Secondary Art & Design** | 33HQ |
| **PGCE Secondary Psychology** | 2W4M |
| **PGCE Secondary Drama** | 2W4L |
| **PGCE Secondary English** | 33HR |
| **PGCE Secondary Geography** | 2W4J |
| **PGCE Secondary Media Studies** | 2W4K |
| **PGCE Secondary RE** | 2W4H |