

Who are we & what do we offer?

The Devon Primary SCITT is a committed partnership of 50 primary and special schools across Devon, who are passionate about inspiring and developing reflective, creative and resilient teachers. We offer a 1-year Primary PGCE, which is awarded through the University of Plymouth.

Why Train with Us?

OFSTED has judged us to be **Outstanding** in all 4 of our inspections (2003, 2006, 2009 & 2016) and their latest report highlighted our ***“Outstanding personalised training, professional development and pastoral support.”*** (Ofsted, 2016)

In 2019, we were named **‘School-based ITT Provider of the Year’**, by the National Association of School Based Teacher Trainers, for the quality and distinctiveness of our Programme.

Our course is constantly updated in consultation with Headteachers and School-based Tutors, to ensure that it is ***“Inspirational, creative, innovative and transformational”*** (Ofsted, 2016)

Distinctive Features:

Relationships and support: Trainees receive exceptional support and coaching throughout the year from our school and centre-based staff. Also, our friendly and approachable Director and Deputy Director are available at the centre, visit you in school, and provide 24/7 support via phone and e-mail.

“Strong professional relationships lie at the heart of the high-quality training offered by the SCITT.” (Ofsted, 2016)

Structured and Personalised: The Course is carefully structured, with specific school-based tasks designed to apply and extend the learning gained from each centre-based training session. Through individual coaching, trainees are supported to develop their own teaching philosophies and identities.

“The dynamic training programme is carefully tailored to meet the needs of each trainee and develops in them a comprehensive range of personal and professional skills that gives them the best possible start to their teaching career.” (Ofsted, 2016).

Preparation for a successful and rewarding career

Our trainees become members of their placement school's team from the first week, enabling them to participate in the full range of experiences and tasks they will experience as teachers. This helps ensure trainees are fully prepared for their first teaching post and beyond: well above 95% of our trainees are still in teaching after 5 years (only 67% nationally).

How does the Course Work?

Centre-based Training forms 25% of the Course and is delivered by exceptional national and local consultants, specialists and serving practitioners who inspire and encourage creative and dynamic approaches to the curriculum and professional practice. Training sessions are multi-layered, with theoretical knowledge applied within smaller group activities. Excellent teaching and assessment practice is modelled explicitly.

School-based Training forms 75% of the Course and is carefully planned to build confidence in teaching, develop understanding, and experience the wider role of a teacher. Your School-based Tutor and coach meets with you each week to coordinate and personalise your training, drawing on the expertise of all the staff in your placement school.

School Placements are arranged close to the trainee's home, with 2 of the 3 terms spent in their preferred Key Stage. As we know our schools and their staff well, we are able to consider trainees' individual requirements, strengths and personalities when arranging school placements. Trainees can also spend one of their placements in a **special school** if they are keen to develop a SEN specialism.