



SCHOOL CENTRED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Warwickshire Early Years Hub (WEYH) & CREC Early Years Partnership (CEYP)

One year full-time early years school based route to qualification as an EYs or Primary Teacher with QTS.

If you enjoy working with young children and feel passionate about teaching, then this course is ideal for you. It will equip you with the skills to work with children through their most crucial stages of development. It will qualify you to teach across the primary phase and to specialise in teaching from birth through to 7 years.



Overview and Programme Philosophy

The WEYH and CEYP 2023-2024 program aims to equip trainees with the skills to meet the challenges of the teaching profession by placing them in the **real world of practice**. It benefits from contributions from acclaimed and highly experienced EY teacher educators; providing bespoke training to ensure trainees are qualified and skilled as capable teachers *fully primed to start on their teaching careers*.

Course Structure

The course is carefully structured to combine *high-quality centre based training* with action research based assignments and three extended periods of continuous, directed school experience. The CEYP is based at St Thomas Nursery School and Children's Centre in Birmingham, which is an internationally renowned centre of outstanding early years integrated practice including research, quality development and initial and advanced professional development.

The *school based training* will take place in a range of schools carefully selected *to meet your development needs*. You will complete an EYFS placement in your 'home' school and a KS1 placement in a 'host' school. **Upon successful completion of the course you will have met the the DfE Teachers' Standards (2012) and also completed a 60 credit Masters Level Unit.**



What do I need to apply ?

- ✓ An **undergraduate degree** awarded by a UK higher education provider or recognised equivalent qualification.
- ✓ Applicants are required to demonstrate **academic achievement** equivalent to level 4 in GCSE examinations in English, Maths and a Science subject.



- ✓ **Medical fitness:** If offered a place, you will be sent a health questionnaire to find out about your medical fitness.
- ✓ If you have a disability, it is helpful if you give us full details on your application, so that training providers can try to make any adjustments you may need.
- ✓ **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)** in England and Wales: you will need to hold a DBS certificate.
- ✓ If you **studied outside the UK**, check the UK ENIC website to find out if your qualifications are of an equivalent level to UK GCSEs, A levels, and an undergraduate degree. (ENIC.org.uk)
- ✓ **Declaration of criminal convictions:** If you have a criminal record, it won't necessarily prevent you becoming a teacher. You'll need to disclose any criminal convictions, cautions or bind-overs, and you'll need to agree to an enhanced criminal record check.
- ✓ **Classroom experience:** We would strongly recommend that you have gained at least four weeks classroom experience to help prepare you to undertake training via a school-based route.

What do we look for ?

We are seeking trainees who can demonstrate:

- ✓ A commitment to teaching and learning, particularly with reference to Early Years.
- ✓ An understanding of educational issues and a clear educational philosophy.
- ✓ An understanding of children as learners.
- ✓ An interest in research based practice and reflective study.
- ✓ Recent experience of working with young children or young people in an EYs or school setting.
- ✓ A clear passion for Early Years.
- ✓ A good standard of written and spoken English.
- ✓ An ability to use ICT effectively within their work.
- ✓ An ability to establish effective working relationships.
- ✓ An ability and interest in taking responsibility for their own professional development.
- ✓ An understanding of the demands of this school based route, an ability to work under pressure and emotional resilience.

Quote from a previous trainee: " I got to experience both the early years and primary educational settings which offered a breadth of opportunities, allowing me the chance to work alongside children with special educational needs and find strategies to support children of all abilities. A truly rewarding experience. It's hard to sum up a year in a few words but if you are passionate about becoming a teacher and you want to work alongside children, supporting their development as a whole, whilst receiving incredible support yourself by a dedicated team, then CREC is definitely the route to take."

How do I apply?

- Take a look at 'Find Postgraduate Teacher Training'
<https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/course/2KO/3B3B>
- For any specific queries please contact the WEYH Coordinator Michelle Hutton on T: 01926 853394
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