

SCITTELS

School Centred Initial Teacher Training
in East London Schools

At SCITTELS we train and assess teachers who have **already qualified as teachers overseas**. *(If you are an EEA national who is recognised as qualified school teachers in an EEA member state, you may apply for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in England under the terms of Council Directive 89/48/EEC, without the need for further training. Further information may be found by contacting the GTCE at tqanswer@gtce.org.uk or by calling +44 (0) 121 345 0140.*

If you are successful at assessment you will be recommended for qualified teacher status (QTS). In order to be assessed you must meet the same requirements and standards as a teacher qualifying in the UK. Full details of the requirements and standards can be found at www.tda.gov.uk. To register for the Scittels OTT programme, you must

- Have the equivalent of a UK first degree
- Have the equivalent of GCSE A-C grades in English, Maths (and science if you are a primary teacher)
- Meet the requirements of suitability

All your academic qualifications must be comparable to those accepted in the UK. You must have them checked by the organisation called NARIC <http://www.naric.org.uk/> and bring the verification with you. **All documents must be originals.**

You must be employed, long term (at least for 2 terms) as a teacher in a school (not a PRU). You could be employed by the school or by an agency. You must be responsible for a class (if primary) or subject/s (if secondary). If you are working as a cover teacher, for example providing PPA time, you will not be able to gather the required evidence. **You must be working as a teacher for the age range for which you are trained overseas.** You should allow a minimum of two terms to gather the evidence. You will have 12 months once registered on the programme to complete. The programme takes place throughout the year with assessment, training and registration each term. This is based on a three term year.

When you have collected all the required documentation of eligibility, please contact OTT@colegrave.newham.sch.uk for an **initial interview with Newham Teachers Recruitment Manager**. Meanwhile you should attend the introductory sessions and portfolio training sessions in order to gain clarification of the QTS Standards and develop your understanding of the evidence required.

After the initial interview, you will need to meet any shortfalls in documentation and then attend to a meeting to register on the programme and receive your skills test number. All teachers in the UK must pass skill tests in English, maths and ICT before receiving QTS. More information can be found at <http://www.tda.gov.uk/skillstests.aspx>.

In order to prepare for your assessment you will be required to complete a Standards Index (which documents all the evidence you have collected) and a portfolio of the evidence you have collected. Both the Standards Index and Portfolio will be scrutinised by an assessor and the assessor will come to observe you in school. The school visit will take about half a day and will involve two observations of you and interviews with you, your mentor and relevant senior staff at the school.

If the assessor is satisfied that you have met the standards we will recommend you for QTS to the GTCE. A certificate awarding you qualified teacher status will follow about 10 days later. If your school is outside the London Borough of Newham, you would be welcome to join our programme if your school would be prepared to pay for all travel expenses for your file support days and final teaching assessment.

We will be hosting an introductory evening in September for those interested in the SCITTELS Overseas Trained Teacher Programme. Further information on this can be gained from Newham Teacher Recruitment Manager, Sarah Bartley sarah.bartley@newham.gov.uk. You may contact her at your leisure.

Kind regards
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