



BEC and Coventry University Partnership - PGCE

To meet the growing need for qualified teachers in Bermuda, the BEC is partnering with the National Institute of Teaching and Education at Coventry University to offer the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) International to qualified Bermuda candidates.

The PGCE International is a teacher training course tailored for trainee teachers, teaching assistants, and learning support assistants, who are employed (or associated) in schools (primary and secondary) and wish to have the opportunity to train on the job. It combines the flexibility of online learning (through webinars, tutorials, interactive course materials and discussions) with practical in-school experience and personal tutoring. The course is designed to be studied over one year with starting dates in January, April, or September.

The BEC will be facilitating this partnership and the trainee teachers will have a chance to commence the program and form a cohort giving the opportunity for discussion and reflection on practice. The BEC office, located in Hamilton, will provide a central meeting place for cohort meetings.

Each teacher trainee will collaborate with a school-based subject specific mentor who will meet with the trainee regularly and perform classroom observations and provide feedback. The BEC will assist schools in identifying and supporting in-school mentors and providing assessors who will visit and observe the trainee teachers and provide feedback to the university. The university will provide the online/interactive program and lead mentors to support and guide the trainee teacher's development.

Entry requirements to the PGCE International include:

- Holding a university degree. Candidates will have to provide an official comparability statement for non-UK qualifications – see: <https://www.enic.org.uk/>.
- Based in a school which can provide a minimum of 12 hours teaching per week (subject specific if secondary) and an in-school mentor.

While the cost of the program has not been fully determined, it is anticipated to be between BD\$6500 – \$7000.

If you are interested in this program and wish to receive more information, please contact the BEC Office at educators@logic.bm.