

Higher Education Courses at West Thames College

High quality and great value for money courses to give you the skills you need that employers want.



Teacher Training



Teaching English Language to Adults (CELTA) Diploma in Education and Training (DET) / Professional Graduate Certificate of Education (ProfGCE)

Our teaching courses are designed to give you the skills you'll need to find a teaching job or to develop your skills.

You'll get excellent support from our experienced tutors, as well as a mentor system, workshop, and online help. We take a practical, hands-on approach for new teachers and operate flexible study times to fit in with your work and lifestyle.

The Diploma in Education and Training (DET) / Professional Graduate Certificate of Education (ProfGCE) is accredited by Canterbury Christchurch University.



Direct industry experience

Our students love the practical emphasis on our courses and our strong links with industry.

In today's highly competitive jobs market, this vocational experience is key to your success, as you will gain the essential skills that employers are looking for – which looks great on your CV and helps you stand out from the crowd.

Careers advice

Our Careers Team will give you all the advice you need to plan your future career.

While you study we take care of you

- ▶ **Gym:** Our gym is equipped with treadmills, cycling & rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance machines & weights to keep you fit and active.
- ▶ **Hair and beauty salon:** Get pampered with a beauty treatment or new hairstyle and buy professional products for a fraction of the normal cost.
- ▶ **Nursery:** Our nursery offers full and part-time places for children aged 3 months to 5 years, providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for your child.
- ▶ **Student common room:** You can watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, go online, play pool, table tennis, table football and other games or just meet with friends.

Fees & accommodation

Home students do not usually have to pay fees up front. Your fees can be covered by a student loan and you will not start repaying this until after you have graduated and are earning a salary of over £26,575.

Student finances

To cover the cost of studying if you can demonstrate that you are in financial hardship, you can apply for:

- ▶ A Tuition Fee Loan to cover your tuition fees in full

- ▶ A Maintenance Loan to help you with your living costs
- ▶ Extra financial support if you have a disability or children or adults who depend on you.

Living in London is exciting but it does come at a price. We recommend you start your search for accommodation early as most specialist providers book several months in advance.

Private accommodation providers

- ▶ crm-students.com
- ▶ host-students.com
- ▶ freshstudentliving.co.uk

Your application

You can apply through the college website **west-thames.ac.uk**, we will then contact you and help you through the admissions process.

Entry requirements

Teaching English Language to Adults (CELTA)

- ▶ 2 A Levels and 5 GCSEs or equivalent. You also need to have a very good command of written and spoken English. No previous teaching experience is necessary.
- ▶ You do not need a degree to enrol on the CELTA course. However, applicants should be aware that when seeking teaching employment after the course, some employers in some countries may require a degree.

Diploma in Education and Training (DET) / Professional Graduate Certificate of Education (ProfGCE)

- ▶ You'll need to be teaching or training, either paid or voluntary, while the course is running. All teaching must be in an appropriate FE and Skills provider, Sixth Form College, School/Academy, Public or private training organisation. You must have responsibility for the group that you are teaching (planning and assessing the learning). You'll need to complete a minimum of 100 hours of teaching over the two years with at least 40 hours in the first year. Please note that you are responsible for securing your teaching practice; the college does not provide teaching placements.

- ▶ You will need to have a work-based mentor to provide subject knowledge guidance and assess your teaching.
- ▶ Successful completion of a pre-course test and an interview.
- ▶ Applicants for the Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (ProfGCE) are required to have a degree.
- ▶ You should possess at least a Level 3 qualification in the subject area you want to teach or considerable professional experience as well as a good level of literacy and numeracy skills.
- ▶ IT skills to word process assignments and prepare teaching materials.
- ▶ A successful Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Please refer to the course page below on our website for more information:
west-thames.ac.uk/higher-education

Next steps

You can apply using the 'Your Application' information in this leaflet. Alternatively, you may want to speak to the subject expert in this area for a quick chat about our teacher training courses.

For CELTA, please contact **Patrick McCann** on:

- ▶ **020 8326 2378**
- ▶ **Patrick.Mccann@west-thames.ac.uk**

For DET / ProfGCE, please contact **Tracy Jackson** on:

- ▶ **020 8326 2189**
- ▶ **Tracy.Jackson@west-thames.ac.uk**

Further information

For general questions about student loans and how to apply, call the College's Information Centre on 020 8326 2000. They will help directly or book an appointment for you with our Careers Team.