



Helpline Enquiries

Maths Teaching Degrees

Enquiry

One of our Year 13 students is considering a change of course. The student had planned to study a Maths degree followed by a PGCE, but are you aware of any Maths Teaching courses as an alternative? The student is studying Maths, Drama and PE and is predicted CCC.

Our reply

It is possible to train as a teacher without having a subject degree first. A student can train as a Primary Teacher and, for a few subjects including Maths, as a Secondary Teacher as long as the course includes QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). There is more information on this on the [UCAS website](#) and on [Get into Teaching](#).

From our research, the following degree courses may be of interest and all offer QTS status:

Canterbury Christ Church University – [Mathematics with Secondary Education QTS](#)

Entry requirements: Typically, 104-112 UCAS Tariff points to include a grade B in Mathematics.

Edge Hill University – [BSc \(Hons\) Secondary Mathematics Education with QTS](#)

Entry requirements: Typically, 112 UCAS Tariff points to include A Level Maths at minimum grade C (or equivalent); GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or Grade 4 or above (or equivalent)

Edge Hill University [BA \(Hons\) Primary Education with QTS](#)

Entry requirements: BBB (A Level)

Manchester Metropolitan University – [Primary Education with Mathematics with QTS](#)

Entry requirements: BBC (A Level) excluding General Studies. National Curriculum subjects preferred.

Manchester Metropolitan University – [Secondary Mathematics Education with QTS](#)

Entry Requirements: BBC (A level) to include Grade C Mathematics.

University of Sunderland – [Mathematics Education \(11-16 years\) with QTS BSc \(Hons\)](#)

Entry requirements: Typically, 120 UCAS points.

University of Wolverhampton – [Mathematics with Secondary Education \(QTS\)](#)

Entry requirements: Typically, 104 UCAS points; A Levels – grades BCC including Mathematics (excluding A Level General Studies and A Level Critical Thinking)

There are a few things to consider

1. Grades

From the courses we looked at none would accept CCC, the minimum was BCC. Some institutions wanted a B grade in Maths.

2. Experience

If applying for a teaching degree with QTS it will be expected that the student has had work experience in a classroom and be able to reference this in the personal statement.

3. Visits

At this stage the student will not be able to visit the institutions prior to applying, but could use [virtual tours](#) and [virtual open days](#) and talk to current students through [Unibuddy](#).

4. Gap Year and new application

Another route is to take a year out, see what grades he gets, gain some work experience and make a more thought out application for entry in 2021.

Helpline Team,
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