



So You Want to Teach?

Teacher Development in China
November 2022



Guide Overview

This guide is the second in an ongoing series on teacher development in China. Whilst its predecessor mainly featured UK-based courses such as PGCE and iPGCE, this guide instead encapsulates the ‘international’ aspect of international school teaching.

This is a comprehensive guide relating to all stages of your teaching career from across the globe ranging from courses for people who have never taught before to ones for experienced teachers seeking to enhance their skills and career prospects. In the guide you will gain an overview of the current skills needs of the teaching profession in ‘Teaching Futures’, and an understanding of the different types of teaching qualifications available to you, along with a Qualification Comparison Table that will allow you to choose a course that is appropriate to your training needs in ‘Types of Teacher Qualification’. And, finally, we provide a comprehensive list of teacher training courses that are available for you to take whilst in China.

The guide is split into three sections:

Part 1: Teaching Futures

- The Future of Skills
- A History of Teacher Education
- The Market

Part 2: Types of Teacher Qualification

- Directory of Qualifications Types available around the world
- Teacher Qualification Comparison Table

Part 3: List of Teacher Qualification Courses You Can Take from China

The Future of Skills

In 2019, Pearson released “The Future of Skills: Employment in 2030”¹ where they looked at the professions that were most likely to disappear or see an increase in demand by 2030.

THE OCCUPATION GROUPS WITH THE GREATEST PROBABILITIES OF FUTURE INCREASED DEMAND:

1st

Preschool, primary,
secondary and special
education school teachers

2nd

Animal care and
service workers

3rd

Lawyers, judges and
related workers

4th

Post-secondary teachers

In the report, Pearson also listed the top skills associated with rising occupations and encouraged individuals to develop those skills that are uniquely human, and commit to lifelong learning and reskilling.

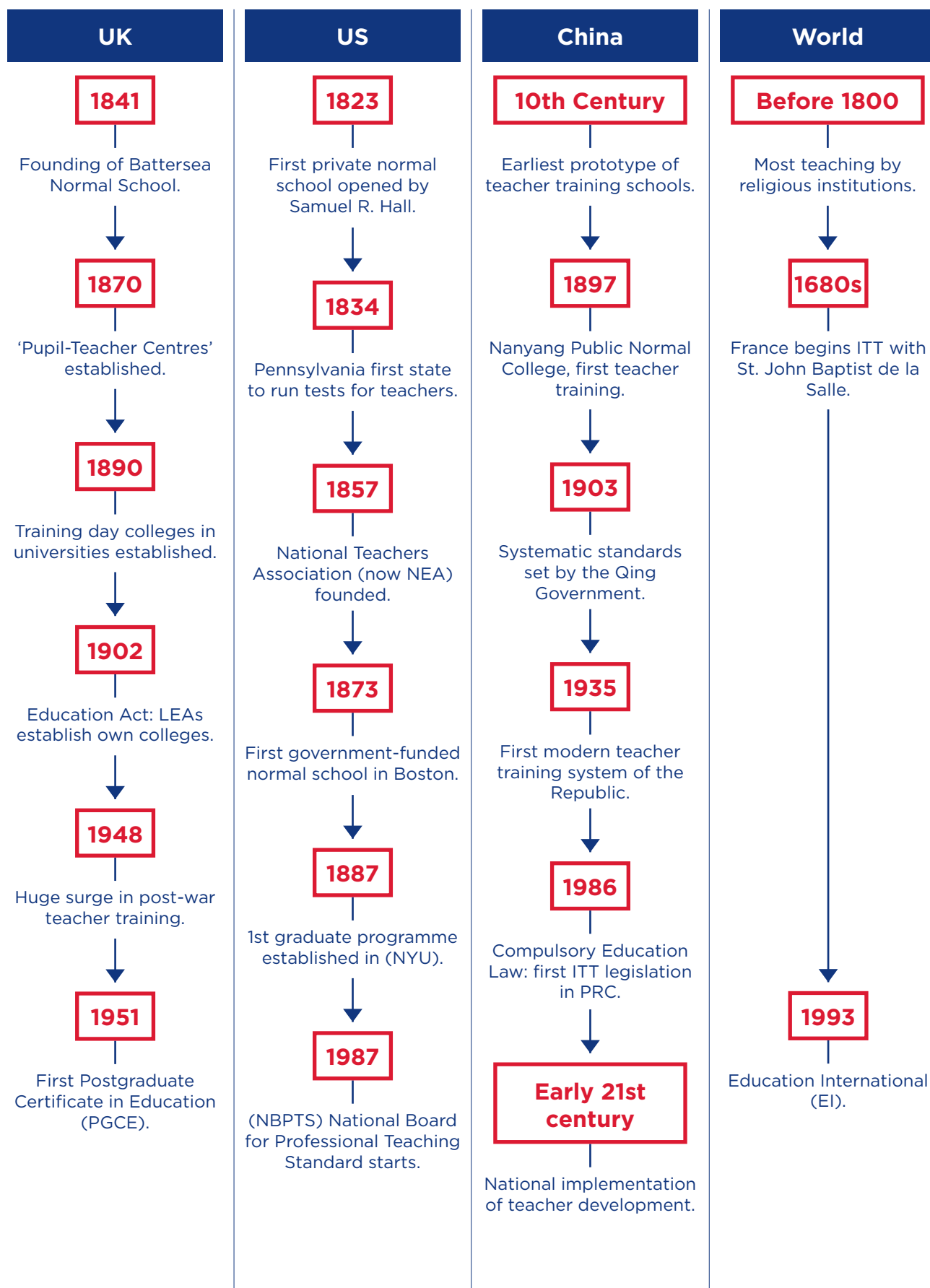
Important skills associated with our rising occupation, teaching, includes: psychology, fluency of ideas, instructing, active learning and originality. These are all the skills that make us human and unique.

Roadmapping to a thriving future can be frightening, you might feel. But whether you want to become a teacher, or to be a better one, we believe you have choices by learning continuously. We have listed different courses based on backgrounds in Part II. Make sure you don't miss it.

¹ Pearson, <https://futureskills.pearson.com/research/assets/pdfs/technical-report.pdf>

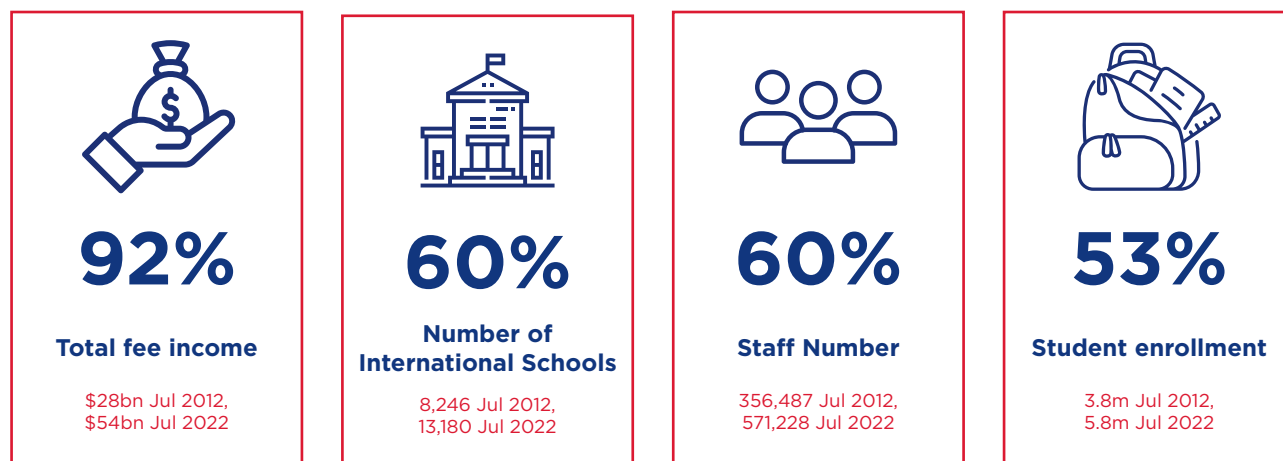


A History of Teacher Education

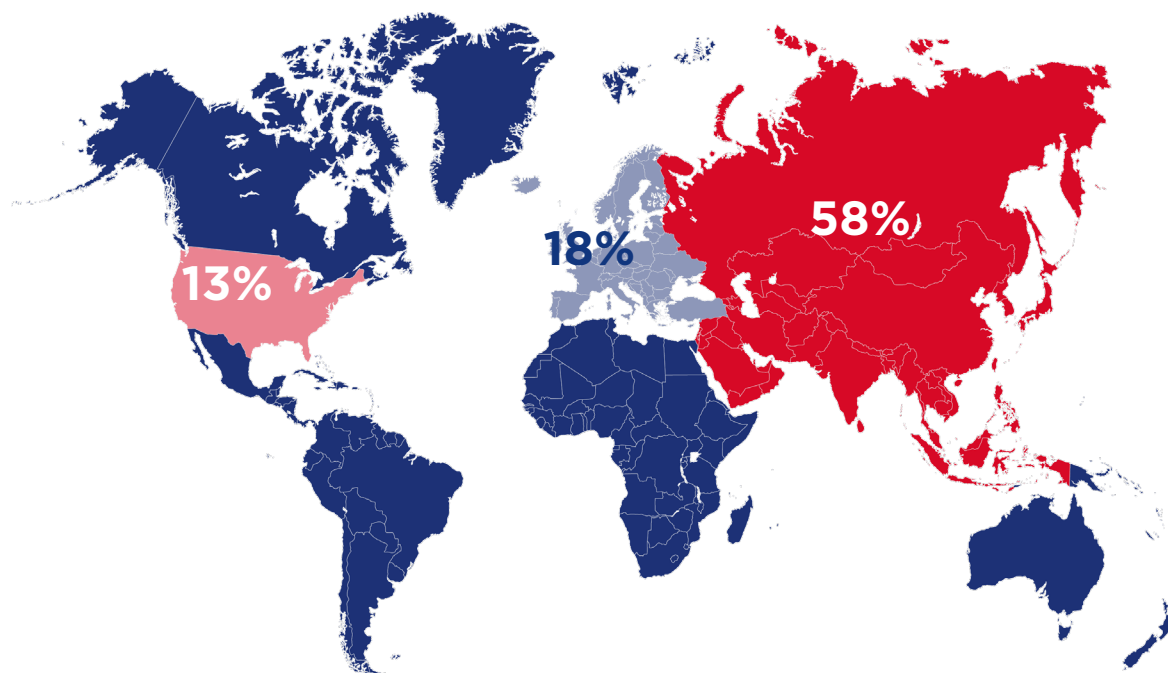


The Market

The international schools market around the world has seen vibrant growth in the past 10 years: (source: ISC Research)



If we break down the international schools' locations by region, 58% of them are located in Asia. In 2nd and 3rd place, 18% are in Europe, and 13% in the Americas.



- By 2029, on current trends, there will be 18,929 international schools requiring 1.03 million staff to service this demand (ISC Research)
- This number is equal to a quarter of all teachers from the UK, US, and other English-speaking countries (ISC Research)
- Advertised vacancies have increased by 14% compared with three years ago, the last pre-pandemic year (SchoolDash and Teacher Tapp, commissioned by Gatsby)

Solely hiring teachers from the 6 currently recognised 'native speaking' countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, UK and US) will not be enough to meet this growing need. As China has tightened its regulations on the employment of teachers for education institutions, those in-country obtaining international teaching qualifications is increasingly going to be an important solution.

Directory of Teacher Qualifications

England and Wales

Qualification name: Early Years Teaching Status (EYTS)/Early Years Professional Status (EYPS)/ Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT)

Introduction: All of these courses are an extension of the PGCE Early Years course, which focuses on children aged 0-5 years old. They broadly provide the equivalent of QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) (which certifies teaching of students from 5-18 only).

Cost range: 56,235RMB (£7,000)

Typical start dates: September

Typical length: 1 year



Qualification name: Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Introduction: A degree-level teaching qualification offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and is regulated by UK education authorities (Teaching Regulation Agency, TRA). Courses are subject specific; however, the qualification permits you to teach any subject in UK schools (except sciences), and provides you with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).

Cost range: 74,098RMB (UK) or 80,100RMB to 240,318RMB (international) (£9,250 or £10,000 to £30,000)

Typical start dates: September

Typical length: 1 year full-time

Qualification name: PGCE Early Years

Introduction: This is a specialised PGCE aimed at those preparing to teach students aged 3-8 years old as QTS does not allow for teachers to work in nursery (kindergarten) classes. The course aims to enhance students' understanding of the integrated nature of children's learning. It focuses on how the six key areas of learning at Foundation Stage and Key Stage One can be taught, principally through the use of cross-curricular themes.

Cost range: 56,235RMB to 74,310RMB (£7,000 to £9,250)

Typical start dates: September

Typical length: 1 year



International

Qualification name: International Qualified Teacher Status (iQTS)

Introduction: A new, UK government-backed international teaching qualification which will be recognised by DfE as equivalent to English qualified teacher status (QTS). As of 2022, it is being piloted by 6 suppliers and is set to be widely available as a part-time course in 2023 for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in teaching Internationally or in the UK.

Cost range: 74,239RMB (£9,250) - may vary as new suppliers come into the market

Typical start dates: September

Typical length: 1 year



Why study an iQTS/QTS/PGCE (including EYTS/EYPS/EYITT)

Pros

- 1. Truly globally recognised:** Certainly, PGCE is the most recognised teaching certification internationally and iQTS aims to replicate that for a specifically international market.
- 2. Employability:** An opportunity to gain teaching status both within the UK and as an international teacher.
- 3. Quality:** All QTS centres in the UK are highly regulated and come from well-established institutions.

Cons

- 1. Uncertainty (iQTS):** This has only just launched as a pilot scheme and although the intention is to produce internationally qualified teachers, you would be entering a market as one of the first with this accreditation. It is unclear as yet how the market will respond. As demonstrated by the PGCEi, certificates are not always recognised with as much parity as they were intended to have.

Things to consider: Foremost, you must consider whether you are willing to make this commitment. Any perception that these certificates have become more easily attainable as they are available in online and part-time formats would be misleading. If you are working full-time whilst studying any of these qualifications part-time, be prepared to sacrifice evenings and weekends for the foreseeable future.

England and Wales

Qualification name: National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) – NPQH (heads), NPQSL (senior leader), NPQML (middle leader)

Introduction: A series of optional qualifications in school leadership at several levels offered by the UK Department for Education. NPQs in Senior Leadership, Headship and Executive Leadership are available for teachers at or applying for senior leadership positions, while three NPQs specialising in different areas are available at the middle leadership level (NPQML). Some limited access to the qualifications is available in China through established DfE NPQ providers in schools and universities.

Cost range: 7,215RMB to 50,100RMB (£899 to £6,350)

Typical start dates: Varies by provider (10 accredited providers)

Typical length: Typically 12-18 months

Qualification name: Professional Development Qualification (PDQ)

Introduction: Cambridge Assessment's PDQs allow in-service teachers and educational leaders to advance their teaching practice. Qualifications are based on research evidence and cover four themes, which are: (I) Teaching & Learning, (II) Educational Leadership, (III) Teaching Bilingual Learnings, and (IV) Teaching with Digital Technologies.

Cost range: 8,000RMB to 16,000RMB (£1,000 to £2,000)

Typical start dates: January and August/October

Typical length: 4, 8 or 24 months

Why study an NPQ/PDQ?

Pros

- 1. Specialised:** There are several options that can help develop your career in the direction you wish. While these qualifications are largely intended to be used in the UK, they give teachers in the international market an element of control; opportunities for internal promotions can be limited and teachers sometimes feel obliged to take any that come up. These qualifications can enable a more intentional approach to career progression.
- 2. Leadership:** Holding these certificates show an in-depth knowledge of specific areas in education and signal to employers you are both capable and willing to take on leadership roles.
- 3. Investment:** This is an affordable way to invest in yourself. The initial cost is relatively low, particularly for less specialised courses, and the potential reward could be considerable, both financially and in terms of job satisfaction.

Cons

- 1. No guarantees:** Holding these certificates do no guarantee leadership roles or improvement in your career, there are a number of external factors that will affect this.
- Thing to consider:** Are you seeking a leadership role? If the answer is no then the qualifications with a leadership focus are likely not for you. Are there opportunities for promotion at your school? While we all know that some schools have limited scope for career progression regardless of professional development, if you are willing to change school to secure a leadership role, or work in a school where professional development is rewarded, then these courses may be for you.

Ireland

Qualification name: Higher Diploma of Education

Introduction: This is the equivalent of a PGCE in Ireland but courses are limited and designed specifically for primary and secondary as well as Higher Diploma in Further Education being available both online and on campus.

Cost range: 49,000RMB to 172,000RMB (for non-Irish students) (£6,100 to £21,500)

Typical start dates: September/October (many courses offer monthly intakes)

Typical length: 1 year



New Zealand

Qualification name: Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

Introduction: ITE is New Zealand's equivalent of a PGCE preparing teachers from primary all the way to secondary. Once an ITE is obtained, teachers are able to apply separately to become registered teachers, similar to a QTS in the UK.

Cost range: 26,900RMB (\$6,400NZD)

Typical start dates: January

Typical length: 1 year full-time, two years part-time



Scotland

Qualification name: Post Graduate Degree in Education (PGDE)

Introduction: This is the teaching qualification used in Scotland which qualifies teachers to teach one or two subjects in Scottish schools. It is largely similar in content and scope to the PGCE.

Cost range: 14,579RMB (Scotland), 74,098RMB (rest of UK), 169,824RMB (international) (£1,820, £9,250 or £21,200)

Typical start dates: September

Typical length: 1 year



International

Qualification name: State Certification (Praxis)

As education is regarded as a state issue as opposed to a federal issue there is no equivalent to a PGCE in the USA or Canada. That being said each state generally requires teachers to have taken one of three praxis exams for educators if not the combined exam. These exams are not consistently recognised across all 50 states, never mind internationally, but they do indicate an advanced knowledge of education practices.

Cost range: 626RMB (one exam) or 1,043RMB (combined exam) (\$90 or \$150)

Typical start dates: Varies

Typical length: Self-preparation or various preparation programmes



Why study PGDE/ITE/Higher Diploma in Education/Praxis

Pros

1. Employability: These certificates ensure a life-time of employment, whether it be while abroad or when you decide to return home and, in theory, they are an exact equivalent of a PGCE.

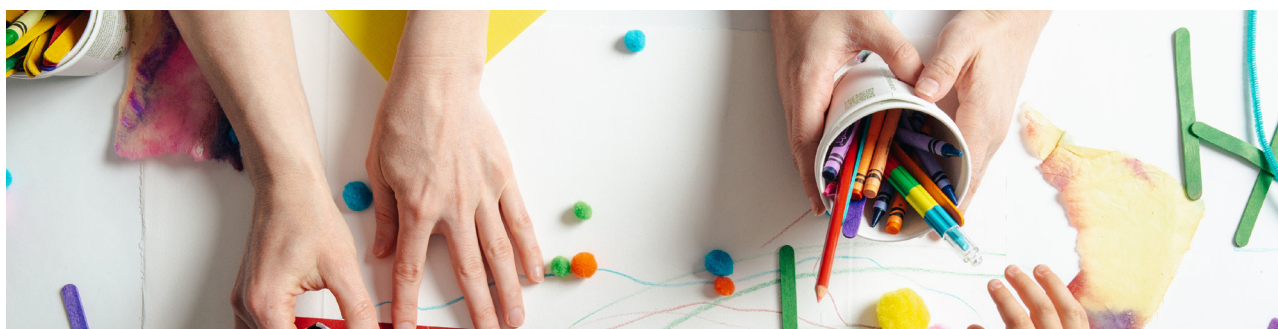
2. Flexibility: These courses are built on flexibility as a core premise; open to those from every field of study, with a variety of study options and numerous subjects that you can go on to teach in your career.

3. Cheaper than you think: Whilst these are generally the most expensive courses, due to their quality, in almost every country there are a number of government subsidies and programmes available due to the demand for teachers.

Cons

1. Standardisation: While all of these certificates hold equal weight in their respective countries, things become less clear when working internationally. It is not uncommon for schools to have an unstated (or sometimes stated) preference for PGCE holders as opposed to teachers from other countries based largely upon the reputation of the certificate and the universities that certify it.

Things to consider: Is this my country of origin? If not, you may face questions about why you chose to study a lesser-known qualification. If you wish to study in-person, ensure you know the visa requirements as well as the university culture and expectations, as these can vary greatly between countries.



South Africa

Qualification name: Higher Diploma of Education

Introduction: The Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education is accredited by the Council on Higher Education Education, is registered is registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and serves as the South African equivalent of a PGCE.

Cost range: 8,000RMB to 30,500RMB (R20,000-R75,000)

Typical start dates: October

Typical length: 12-18 months full-time or 2 years part-time



USA

Qualification name: Global Credential in Education - Teaching (GCEd-T)

Introduction: An accredited online alternative pathway to a globally recognised credential for educators already working in education, and for those who want to bring their industry knowledge to the teaching profession. Each programme is comprised of 6 required modules, and a localised module of study. This certificate is largely provided in the US for those who wish to teach overseas.

Cost range: 2,749RMB to 5,212RMB (\$395-\$749)

Typical start dates: Varies

Typical length: Varies



International

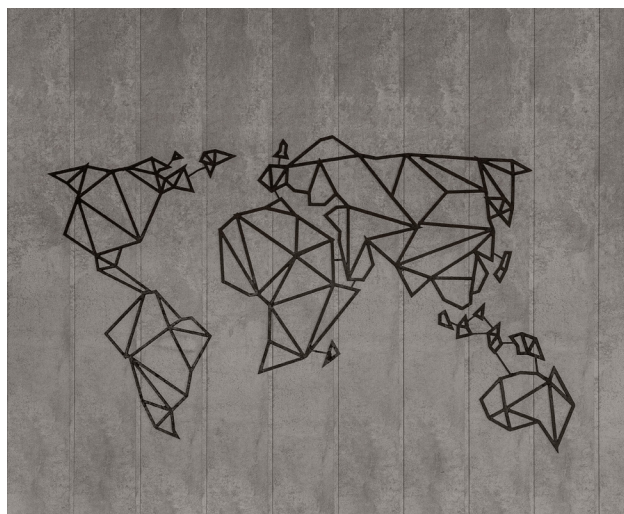
Qualification name: ECIS International Teacher Certificate

Introduction: As a programme and as a qualification, the ECIS International Teacher Certificate (ITC), jointly certificated by the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) and University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), has been designed to meet the needs of an increasingly globalised teaching market.

Cost range: 12,252RMB (£1,525)

Typical start dates: Varies

Typical length: 12-18 months



Qualification name: Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)

Introduction: A flexible series of modular teaching qualifications that show how you are developing as a teacher of English. Ideal for people who want to prove their teaching knowledge with a globally recognised certificate designed by University of Cambridge ESOL examinations, the TKT is also awarded by Cambridge Assessment English at English Department of Australian College of Business and Technology (ACBT).

Cost range: Approx 720RMB (£90)

Typical start dates: Varies globally (usually school vacation periods)

Typical length: 5 modules, can be taken separately (each module is 80 minutes)



Why study a Higher Diploma of Education/GCED-T/ECIS/TKT?

Pros

1. Knowledge: These courses are primarily about building knowledge and becoming a better teacher, and less about securing specific jobs.

2. Focus: These certificates all have a particular focus that can make them highly applicable in specific circumstances, for example giving you valuable foundational grammatical knowledge for teaching English language.

3. Membership: ECIS has member schools throughout the world and as such, being certified by ECIS will give an advantage when applying to these schools.

Cons

1. Limited: As mentioned, these certificates are not about securing jobs and whilst they may signal to employers that you have the initiative and desire to develop as a teacher, there is no school, at any level, specifically seeking people with these qualifications.

Things to consider: Is this applicable to me? ECIS is aimed specifically for teachers in international schools and even more so for teachers within their member schools. GCed-T is an, as yet, fairly little-known course aimed at improving knowledge of the education industry whilst TKT is more internationally recognised and focuses on teaching skills, as opposed to the industry.



International

Qualification name: International Postgraduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE/PGCEi)

Introduction: The international PGCE is a degree-level qualification aimed at both new and in-service teachers looking to develop their professional practice. It may not be accepted by some Ministries of Education, particularly those in the Middle East.

Cost range: 21,000RMB to 72,000RMB (£2,625 to £9,000)

Typical start dates: September and January

Typical length: 1 year (part-time)



Why study a iPGCE/PGCEi

Pros

1. Internationally recognised: Although there are some restrictions, you will find teaching jobs available in schools from Albania to Zimbabwe.

2. Employability: The demand for teachers around the world continues to grow and with an increasingly globalised world, the demand for English teaching abroad ensures a lifetime of work across the globe.

3. Flexibility: Designed to be even more flexible than a PGCE these courses have an even wider variety of study options and are more accessible across the globe.

Cons

1. Restricted access to some countries: As alluded to, while they are intended to be an equivalent of a PGCE for the international market, as theory- rather than professionally-based courses, they have not been as widely accepted as was anticipated, particularly in the Middle East. One reason cited for this is that online learning is not valued as highly as traditional learning, so perceptions may shift somewhat after almost all courses were adapted to be completed online post-pandemic. QTS can be added for more complete global access, but must be applied for separately upon completion and is not automatically given.

Things to consider: The most important thing to consider is where you plan to teach. If you plan to teach internationally, which countries will you live in and how is this qualification perceived? Do you want to teach when you return home? If so, it is likely you will need to apply for QTS or the correct certification from your home country.

International

Qualification name: The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL)

Introduction: An English language teaching qualification designed for those with either no experience teaching English, or those who require an internationally recognised teacher education qualification. The course combines contemporary theory and practical application in the classroom, takes 200 hours, and is available at centres across China and across the world. Alternatively, It is available as an online course or blended.

Cost range: 7,985RMB (£995)

Typical start dates: Variable (based on certifying centre)

Typical length: Minimum 4 weeks, typically 3 months to 1 year.



Qualification name: Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)

Introduction: Classroom delivery skills, knowledge and hands-on teaching experience. Aimed at recent graduates, those who want to change career, or teachers who want to gain a formal qualification, CELTA is internationally recognised as an English language teaching qualification and offered online or in-person in centres in three cities in China: Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Courses are at least 120 hours, include in-school teaching experience, and cover practical teaching skills as well as the theory behind them.

Cost range: 10,446RMB to 27,856RMB (\$1,500 to \$4,000)

Typical start dates: Varies (based on certifying centre)

Typical length: 4 weeks intensive course to 20 weeks part-time

International

Qualification name: Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults (DELTA)

Introduction: Designed for experienced teachers looking to develop professionally, it offers an advanced blend of theory and practical skills in English language teaching and grammar. DELTA is suited to teachers working in EAL contexts, especially with a management role. It is more advanced than CELTA.

Cost range: 20,000RMB to 32,100RMB (£2,500 to £4,000)

Typical start dates: Varies (based on centre)

Typical length: 7-12 weeks (in person)



Why study a CertTESOL/CELTA/DELTA ?

Pros

- 1. Affordable:** As far as courses go it will be difficult to find a certificate that offers greater potential earnings compared to a reasonably low initial investment.
- 2. Manageable:** In comparison to the other options listed here, the expectations of the course are lower and are generally designed so that students can pass with relative ease and gain valuable practical insights in how to actually deliver a class.
- 3. Time:** In a rush to get abroad? No problem. Get certified quickly, move abroad and then worry about developing your skills and qualifications once you are overseas.

Cons

- 1. Limited career options:** While this certificate can open up a world of teaching across the globe it will not allow you to teach in licensed international schools, certainly not at first anyway. With some experience and some luck, you may find these doors also begin to open, particularly if you agree to undertake a PGCE whilst working (which sometimes the school will fund).

Things to consider: Do I want a career in teaching? Strangely, if the answer is yes, you may consider slowing down and investing in a more recognised long-term certificate. It is not uncommon to find TEFL teachers across the globe who wish they had done a PGCE, or its equivalent, earlier in their career in order to move into the top teaching jobs and more professional environments.

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Teacher Qualification Comparison Table



Distance Learning

































Allows Teaching Internationally









Likely to secure Int School job in China*



Distance learning, in-person exam

	Entry requirements	Allows teaching in training centres	Suitable for those already in teaching	Suitable for those with no experience	Allows public teaching in country of issue
iPGCE/PGCEi   	Bachelor's degree & *IELTS 6.5 or above	✓	✓	✓	X *Apply for QTS separately
PGCE/PGDE   	Bachelor's degree	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓	✓
CELTA   	*IELTS 7 or above	✓	X	✓	X
DELTA   	ELT (i.e., CELTA)	✓	✓	X	X
TKT   	For teachers	X	✓	✓	X
CertTESOL   	Admissions interview, completed high school degree from a native English speaking country (excluding South Africa), IELTS 6+ and TOEFL score of 525+ (non-native)	✓	X	✓	X
PDQ   	For teachers	X	✓	X	NA
NPQ   	For teachers	X	✓	X	NA
iQTS   	Bachelor's degree & IELTS 6.5+	✓	✓	✓	✓
GCEd-T   	For teachers	NA	✓	X	X

	Entry requirements	Allows teaching in training centres	Suitable for those already in teaching	Suitable for those with no experience	Allows public teaching in country of issue
ECIS 	For teachers	NA	✓	X	X
Higher Diploma in Education (IRE) 	Bachelor's degree	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓	✓
Higher Diploma in Education (RSA) 	Bachelor's degree	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓	✓
Praxis 	Bachelor's degree	NA	X	✓	✓
ITE 	Bachelor's degree	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓	✓
EYTS/EYPS/EYITT 	Bachelor's degree	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓ * For those teaching with TEFL	✓	✓

All of the above mentioned qualifications have both part- and full-time options available.

* This is based on traditional criteria of China's top international schools. We note that in the current climate some may be accepting a broader range of teaching certificates.

** For more comparisons, you can also refer to the following links:

NiDirect - [Qualifications: what the different levels mean](#)

TES - [What qualifications do you need to teach abroad?](#)

Edvectus - [What qualifications are needed to teach abroad?](#)

Courses You Can Take From China

University	Course title	Website
Cambridge English	TKT: How to Prepare	https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-english/teaching-qualifications/tkt/prepare-for-tkt/
ECIS	Preparing for International Teaching Certificate	https://www.ecis.org/pitc/?gclid=CjwKCAjwsfuYBhAZEiwA5a6CDCIT0cJtFxd0LSInzcQ_VehfciRmKlnWS2OI08JSSf88V_8oXnDUGRoCA2UQAvD_BwE
Edith Cowan University	Teacher Education courses (see 'International online courses')	https://www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas/teacher-education
Griffith University	Master of Education	https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/degrees/master-of-education-5735
Indiana University Blooming town	Certificate in English as a Foreign Language/ English as a Second Language (EFL/ESL) Teaching (Online)	https://education.indiana.edu/programs/graduate/certificate/efl-esl-teaching-online.html
	Other online certificate programmes in education	https://education.indiana.edu/programs/graduate/certificate/index.html
Notre Dame of Maryland University	TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), MA Certificate	https://www.ndm.edu/grad-prof-studies/academics/programs/tesol-teaching-english-speakers-other-languages
Outstanding Leaders Partnership	National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) *Fully online NPQ programmes are available on request	https://www.outstandingleaders.org/npq
Penn State University	Online Teaching Certificates *A set of courses you can take, some of which being certificate-granting	https://wcf.d.psu.edu/programs/online-teaching-certificates/
Saint Joseph's University	Online Graduate Degree Programs *Filter by school and location	https://www.sju.edu/degree-programs/graduate-professional/online
Study.com	Praxis Exams Courses	https://study.com/academy/goal/professional-licensure/teacher-certification/praxis-exams.html
Teaching House	CELTA Course Online	https://www.teachinghouse.com/courses/celta-course-online
Teesside University	Learning and Teaching in International Contexts (Online)	https://www.tees.ac.uk/postgraduate_courses/education_youth/pgcei_learning_and_teaching_in_international_contexts_online.cfm
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TES INSTITUTE (UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON)	International Postgraduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE)	https://www.tes.com/institute/ipgce

University	Course title	Website
The Distance Delta	DELTA	http://thedistancedelta.com/
The University of Newcastle Australia	Graduate Certificate of Education	https://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/graduate-certificate-education
	Master of Education	https://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/master-education
University of Bath	Postgraduate Certificate in International Education (PGCiE)	https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/postgraduate-certificate-in-international-education-pgcie/
University of Buckingham	PGCE for International Trainees (fully online)	https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/pgce-for-international-trainees-fully-online
University of Derby	International Postgraduate Certificate of Education (iPGCE) PG Cert	https://www.derby.ac.uk/online/education-courses/ipgce-online/
University of Georgia	Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning	https://online.uga.edu/degrees-certificates/graduate-certificate-online-teaching-learning
University of Greenwich	PGCE Further Education & Skills Sector *2 years distance learning	https://www.gre.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses/eduhea/postgraduate-certificate-education
University of Leicester	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (International) iPGCE, by distance learning	https://le.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-certificate-in-education-international-ipgce-dl/2022
University of New England	Education courses and degrees in every level *Search 'education' and filter by 'attendance mode'	https://www.unen.edu.au/search?query=education&collection=une-push-meta&facetScope=f.Attendance%2520mode%257CAttendanceMode%3DOnline%26f.Tabs%257Cune-courses-push%3DCourses&form=wrapper&profile=tab_courses
University of North Dakota	College Teaching Certificate	https://und.edu/programs/college-teaching-certificate/index.html
University of Nottingham	Postgraduate Certificate Education (International) (PGCEi)	https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/study/pgcei/index.aspx
University of Nottingham Ningbo China	Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (PDQ)	https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/business-development/teacher-training-language-training-school-services/pdq.aspx
University of Sheffield	International Postgraduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE)	https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/2022/international-postgraduate-certificate-education-ipgce-ipgce
University of South Queensland	Master of Learning and Teaching (MOLT)	https://www.unisq.edu.au/handbook/current/education/molt.html
University of Southern California	Master of Arts in Teaching online	https://online.usc.edu/programs/teaching-m-a-t/

University	Course title	Website
University of Strathclyde	PgCert Education (International)	https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/taught/ipgce/
University of Sunderland	Early Years Teaching (DL) PGCE	https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/study/education/postgraduate-early-years-teaching/
	Education (DL) PGCE	https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/study/education/pgce-international-dl/
University of Waikato	Initial Teacher Education (ITE)	https://www.waikato.ac.nz/education/study/initial-teacher-education
University of Warwick	Postgraduate Certificate in Education International PGCEi	https://warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/courses/pgcei
University of the West of England	PGCE – International Early Years	https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/X71A6/international-early-years
	PGCE Primary Early Years ITE (3-7) with QTS (Distance Learning)	https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/X122/primary-early-years-ite-3-7-with-qts-distance-learning
University of Wisconsin STOUT	Practical Skills for Beginning K-12 Career and Technical Educators Certificate	https://www.uwstout.edu/programs/practical-skills-beginning-k-12-career-and-technical-educators-certificate
Wellington College China (Huili Institute of Learning) & University of Durham	Post Graduate Certificate of Practice in Education (PGCE)	https://iol.huilieducation.cn/pgce/
	QTS	

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