

Focus Awards Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills) (RQF)

Overview

The Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills) qualification is designed for learners who work and aspire to work in the further education sector. This qualification equips learners with the knowledge and skills to teach, refine and enhance their teaching abilities in the post-16 Further Education and Skills sector.

This Level 5 DiT (FE and Skills) is designed in alignment with occupational standards of Learning and Skills Teacher role and regulated by Ofqual. It provide learners with contemporary and comprehensive knowledge, digital competencies (including technology integration in teaching) and opportunities to acquire practical and technical skills in their specialist area.

As of 1 September, 2024 the **Diploma in Education and Training (DET)** and related qualifications have been replaced by the DiT (FE and Skills), providing learners with a new pathway to attain **Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS)** status. This level 5 DiT course is delivered 100% online, making it easier for learners to gain the necessary skills and knowledge.

Scope of this Qualification

This Level 5 DiT (FE and Skills) is perfect for individuals looking to pursue their career in Further Education (FE) & Higher Education (HE) sectors, adult and community education centres, offender education including police, fire services and paramedics, work-based learning providers, the third/voluntary sector and independent training organisations.

Duration and Delivery

The **Level 5 Diploma in Teaching FE and Skills** is designed to be completed entirely online, allowing learners to progress at their best suitable pace. This qualification takes up to 18 months, depending on the learner's previous experience and dedication to the course. This Level 5 DiT (FE and Skills) course is delivered through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) whereby all learners will be provided online tutor support to successfully complete their course.

Assessment and Verification

All units in this DiT (FE and Skills) course are internally assessed by our qualified assessors and externally verified by the awarding organisation. This process aligns with the Education and Training Foundation's framework for teaching in further education.

Learners will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence consisting of **written assignments** along with the evidence of the **250 hours of work placement log**, a record of a minimum of **10 observations** (45 minutes each) and **work samples**.

Finally, learners will participate in a **final assessment involving a 30-minute professional discussion** about any aspect of professional practice conducted with two qualified teachers/assessors, one from **Britannia School of Academics** and one from their placement.

Progression

Successful completion of this teaching qualification will allow learners to secure placement within the lifelong learning and FE and Skills sectors. This qualification makes them eligible for progression to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status (QTLS).

Learners can proceed to undertake the following vocational qualifications:

- [OTHM Level 6 Diploma in Teaching and Learning](#)
- [OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Education Management and Leadership](#)

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120	Course Credits
1200	Total Qualification Time
400	Guided Learning Hours

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Fast Track	9 Months
Full Time	Up to 24 Months

Entry Requirements:

The learner must:

- Be aged 19+
- Hold minimum qualification at level 2 in both Maths and English
- Be qualified or experienced in subject specialism
- Be able to demonstrate the ability to study at Level 5 qualification
- Possess an adequate level of digital proficiency to accomplish the qualification requirements

Unit Structure

- Unit 1:** Teaching My Subject
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For the Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (FE and Skills), the minimum required placement hours are 250 which are to be divided as such:

*Teaching Activities

Total **150** hours are dedicated to teaching practice to learners aged 14+ preferably in an FE setting out of which:

- i. 100 hours for the specialist subject area
 - ✓ 80 hours for face-to-face delivery
 - ✓ 20 hours for remote synchronous (live) delivery
- ii. 50 hours for the subject area other than the specialisation

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*Non-Teaching Activities

The remaining **100** hours of the non-teaching practice must be dedicated to completing professional activities such as:

- ✓ Planning and observation
- ✓ Team and assessment meetings
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ Activities for Continuous Professional Development
- ✓ Other learning and teaching duties

Observations

The minimum number of observations required throughout the duration of your course is 10 (of 45 minutes each) in which your practice will span small groups and large groups with learners aged 14+ and include all aspects of planning, delivering and assessment of learning. These observations are required to be signed off by your tutor or placement mentors. Out of these 10 observations, two observations can be live remote delivery and one session can be observed by the mentor remotely. However, recorded sessions will not be considered as formal observations.

Mentors & Support Staff

Learners need to have support from two mentors at their placement. The mentors are required to guide and support you throughout the qualification and liaise with the assessor/course tutor.

- ✓ **First Mentor:** Should be a subject specialist, equipped with all the required expertise to help teach in a specific subject area. They must be able to support you for at least 30 minutes per week.
- ✓ **Second Mentor:** A pastoral mentor, for general guide and support. This mentor is responsible for communicating with the provider regarding regular updates on progress. They are also required to provide you with support for at least 30 minutes per week.

It is important that all records are kept by you of both mentor meetings, showing dates and basic details of discussion/support provided.

Location

To increase your exposure and provide you with the experience of teaching in diverse environments, Diploma in Teaching qualification requires you to teach in two different teaching locations, with at least 20 placement hours dedicated to activities in the second location.

However, if you work with an institute/provider that runs a good variety of different classes, you can choose to complete the practical requirement of second location at the same institute in a different department or subject area.

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