

# Training to be a Teacher

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I am looking at the possibility of becoming a teacher at some point in the future as part of my personal project. This is a summary of the information I have acquired.

I started off by looking at the governments teaching website

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/recruit.aspx?ilewa=10000437>

This passage on the website made me realise that if I was to seriously look at becoming a teacher I would need to decide pretty early on what age group of people I would like to teach?

“Anyone wanting to teach in England and Wales must complete initial teacher training (ITT). There are many different types of ITT course – the one you take will be specific to the age group and, if you want to teach at secondary level, the subject that you want to teach. All courses cover the principles of teaching along with practical experience in the classroom.”

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/becomingateacher/waysintoteaching/yourroute.aspx>

I decided to concentrate on looking at training to teach in Higher or Further Education.

I found a website link that outlined the path towards becoming a Further Education Lecturer

<http://www.fejobs.com/CMS/82/BecomingaFELecturer.aspx>

This site also gives a slight insight into what the job may entail and it was very useful. One of the first requirements was to be competent in the job I intend to teach, I thought this was quite vague in its description although another website described it in this way:

“be well-qualified or experienced in the subject you intend to teach”

<http://www.routesintoteaching.org.uk/Professional-training/FE-FE-teacher.html>

So if I pass my degree with a good grade I should be considered as been well qualified. The next step is to gain a teaching qualification recognised by Lifelong Learning UK. There seems to be quite a lot of complicated systems that are in place but basically there are lots of teaching qualifications available, the most important factor is undertaking one that is endorsed by them. More information is available from their website.

<http://www.lluk.org/2760.htm>

You can complete your training in a number of ways:

Full-time courses:

- Can be done before starting work as a lecturer
- Combine study with teaching practice.

Part-time courses:

- Can be done before starting work or in-service (whilst working as a lecturer).
- Involve organising some teaching hours for yourself, perhaps on a voluntary basis, if you are not already employed.

The relevant qualifications come in different levels and here is an overview from the Routes into teaching website.

The first is the Level 3 or 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning (PTLL) Sector. This is a short introductory course which you will need to do before you can qualify as an associate or full teacher.

- How to qualify as an associate teacher

The Level 3 or 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector will qualify you as an associate teacher. As an associate teacher your work will focus on at least one of the following methods:

- using packs or pre-prepared materials, with little involvement in designing curriculum and materials
- teaching on a one-to-one basis
- teaching one particular level, subject or type of learner, rather than a full range
- teaching short courses (see the LLUK website for a definition).

- How to qualify as a full teacher

The Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector is the minimum qualification you will need as a full teacher. It will also lead to QTLS status (Qualified Teacher, Learning and Skills). As a full teacher your work will involve:

- using teaching materials you have designed and evaluated
- teaching a range of levels, subjects and learner types
- teaching programmes of varying lengths.

The Level 5 Diploma is roughly equivalent to the present PGCE/Cert Ed in Further Education. Many universities and colleges will carry on using these titles for the new qualifications, although they will reference these qualifications against the Level 5 Diploma. Contact LLUK for full details of qualifications and training providers.

If you have already started to do qualifications, such as Stage 1 and/or 2 of City & Guilds 7407, you can get advice from the LLUK Information and Advice Service about where you will fit into the new qualification framework.

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I now understand the basics of what qualifications are needed to be a Lecturer, I have looked for specific courses in terms of teaching my relevant medium but I have been unable find one. I have found teaching qualifications geared towards teaching specialist subjects like Maths or English but none for Interactive Multimedia.