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Returning to Teaching in Scotland?

- Are you thinking about **returning** to teaching in Scotland?
- **Passionate** about making a difference to all learners?
- Would you like to update your knowledge, skills and abilities and develop your **professional confidence** in the classroom?
- Are you registered with the General Teaching Council (**GTCS**) or eligible for Registration?

The University of Edinburgh together with our partner authorities have developed a new national, **blended “Returning to Teaching” (RTT) course**, funded by the Scottish Government, which will support you in your journey back into teaching in Scotland. Learn more and book your place at www.ed.ac.uk/education/rtt.

The course will be most relevant for:

- Those wishing to return to teaching in Scotland after a period away from the profession.
- Those wishing to teach in Scotland for the first time from both Primary and Secondary sectors.
- Those who wish to engage with the course to support a Professional Update submission to the GTCS.
- Teachers in the independent sector to support a potential GTCS registration application.

Course structure: 5th January - 24th March 2018

The course will be delivered in an online format over 10 weeks with two face-to-face sessions. Participants will be expected to attend both sessions at Moray House School of Education, the University of Edinburgh on Saturday 20th January and Saturday 24th March 2018.

The course is designed with measurable online participant engagement and an optional observation placement in schools with the relevant local authorities' agreement for up to 3 days.





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Overall course aims:

- Understand and critically engage with current National Education Policy and the Professional Teaching Standards in Scotland, providing teachers with information on recent changes in national priorities.
- Work together to develop an awareness of professional identity and teacher professionalism, discovering yourself as a learner and as a practitioner committed to career long professional learning.
- Developing a critical awareness of own current values, beliefs and practices and how these align with the Professional Standards and current educational policy in Scotland.
- Consider and engage with key concepts of social justice in the classroom and develop strategies for a socially just classroom.
- Understand key legal and policy requirements relating to inclusive policies and strategies in school to address barriers to learning.
- To advise on and engage with current curriculum guidelines and their implications for professional practice and planning.
- To increase confidence in completing applications & preparing for interview.

Content includes:

GTCS Professional Standards, Learning for Sustainability, Curriculum for Excellence, Planning for Learning, Child Protection Policy, Inclusion, Race, Culture and Diversity, Additional Support Needs, Positive Relationships, Assessment Processes including SQA National Qualifications.

Feedback from participants on previous RTT Programmes led by the University of Edinburgh Teacher Education Partnership includes:

“Great breadth of relevant and current issues and topics”

“I feel really equipped and empowered as I get back into teaching”

“It exceeded my expectations and increased my professional confidence”

Course Fees for this programme are £400.

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If you have any questions, please contact: ProfessionalLearning@ed.ac.uk

