



### PGCE Primary with School Direct

#### Co-operative Academies Trust – Primary Leeds

We are a small effective partnership with a long history of supporting a range of teacher training routes with a variety of partners. We have The Co-operative Group as our sponsor and draw on the values and principles of co-operation as central pillars of our work. We are delighted to work in partnership with Leeds Trinity University to be able to offer robust school-based training through the School Direct Programme.

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# The **co-operative** academies trust

Our partnership consists of five schools all serving the diverse community of Inner East Leeds.

Four of the schools are part of the Co-operative Academies Trust.

Oakwood Primary Academy - **Lead School for 2016** – [www.oakwood.coop](http://www.oakwood.coop)

Nightingale Primary Academy - [www.nightingale.coop](http://www.nightingale.coop)

Woodlands Primary Academy – **Lead School for 2014 and 2015** - [www.woodlands.coop](http://www.woodlands.coop)

Brownhill Primary Academy – [www.brownhill.coop](http://www.brownhill.coop)

Shakespeare Primary School - [www.shakespeareleeds.org.uk](http://www.shakespeareleeds.org.uk).

Shakespeare is a local authority maintained primary, and a key partner who share a building with our high school!

Our 2014/15 cohort have all successfully secured posts and are now following NQT programmes; some are in our partnership schools! There are excellent career opportunities in all our schools and within our trust.

All the established schools were judged 'Good' in their most recent Ofsted inspections.

Nightingale Primary is a growing school established in September 2014. The planned growth guarantees significant opportunities in addition to those that naturally occur in thriving effective primary schools.

To find out more about the Trust - [www.co-operative.academy](http://www.co-operative.academy)

### About the Course

### Early years and Primary Programmes:

The School Direct programmes for the primary schools is divided into three stages. **Stage 1** lasts for 12 weeks. The trainees complete a block placement of 7 weeks in their '**Host School**' where they plan and teach small groups/whole class for up to 50% of the timetable. During the remaining four weeks students undertake training in the university, in partnership schools and have the opportunity to observe high quality teaching. **Stage 2** (12 weeks) **and stage 3** (10 weeks) take place in the '**Home School**'. Across both of these stages there is a block placement and further professional studies training. Gradually trainees build up the teaching requirement to 80% of the timetable. Following the three stages, students have the chance to spend two weeks in an alternative educational setting extending their experiences.

The School Direct training programme challenges students and enables them to gain qualified teacher status, encouraging them to become reflective practitioners delivering teaching of a very high standard. Successful completion of the professional studies element leads to the Award of a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

### Entry Requirements

- A degree with a substantial portion relevant to National Curriculum programmes and examination syllabuses in that subject area.
- GCSE English, mathematics and science at Grade C or above (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of the Professional Skills tests for literacy and numeracy

### Successful Applicants

- Meet the 'national requirements' (degree, GCSEs, DBS check, health clearance)
- Have good subject knowledge at degree level
- Have some subject curriculum knowledge
- Have a good understanding of what teachers do
- Usually have recent experience in a school or schools
- Often have (other) experience with children
- Often have experience training others
- Are committed to co-operation as a way of improving pupils' lives

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### How to apply

Applications must be made through UCAS Teacher Training at [www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training).

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