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# Assured Certificate in Education (ACTE)



## “The programme gave me new insights, ideas and a deeper understanding of what a teacher educator is.”

**Course participant, ACTE February 2021 cohort (Ukraine, Pakistan)**

# Are you looking to develop your skills as a teacher educator?

The online Assured Certificate in Teacher Education provides you with the competence, confidence and recognition you need, whether you are:

- a teacher aiming to transition to a role as a teacher educator
- a teacher educator with limited experience
- a more experienced teacher educator aiming to consolidate your skills.

# Quality assured

Designed, delivered and awarded by the British Council, the online **Assured Certificate in Teacher Education** prepares and evaluates your ability to design and deliver inclusive, participant-centred teacher development activity; providing you with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate your ability to manage the learning environment, and apply a range of techniques and skills to motivate participants and facilitate learning.

# Course structure

The online Assured Certificate in Teacher Education is modular and divided into the following units:

| Unit | Description |
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| Unit 1:<br>Introduction to teacher development | This unit focuses on transferrable skills from teaching to training; initial assessment, intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and catering for learner differences. |
| Unit 2:<br>Making training effective | You develop skills in assessing and adapting training activities, giving instructions effectively and providing constructive feedback. |
| Unit 3:<br>Workshop design and delivery | The focus in this unit is on planning, designing and delivering a 50-minute workshop suitable for use in your own working contexts. |

In addition to a direct course focus, the course provides opportunity to discuss context-specific practice and non-transactional attributes such as teacher motivation and resilience – depending on the interests and background of particular groups.

# Professional practices

The online Assured Certificate in Teacher Education has a main focus on the following professional practices of the CPD Framework for teacher educators:

- Knowing the subject
- Understanding teacher learning
- Planning teacher learning
- Managing teacher learning.

It has a subsidiary focus on the following professional practices:

- Evaluating teacher competence
- Supporting ongoing teacher professional development
- Adopting inclusive practices
- Taking responsibility for your own professional development
- Understanding the educational context
- Supporting remote learning
- Contributing to the profession.

# Course duration

The course has defined start and end dates. Engagement with the course content is designed to be completed over a period of 12 weeks, covering approximately 50 hours of guided learning.

# Certification

The Assured Certificate in Teacher Education is awarded by the British Council and each cohort has a dedicated course quality assurer.

# Approach to learning

The course is delivered online to closed groups of 20 participants, supported by a dedicated ACTE tutor, with responsibility for five participants. Learning is collaborative and organised around engagement with self-access input, forum tasks, group meetings, micro-training and assessed tasks.

## “It helped me to structure and organise my knowledge and equipped me with the skills necessary for working with teachers.”

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# Assessment and evaluation

There are three types of assessment:

- Reflection tasks
- Group tasks
- Individual assignments

Formative and summative evaluation of tasks and assignments is against transparent criteria, with opportunities for you to resubmit work based on e-moderator feedback.

Evaluations are overseen by the course quality assurer.

# Eligibility

To access the content and derive maximum benefit from the course you should meet the following criteria:

- English language level at CEFR B2+ (IELTS 6.5/7)
- An English language teaching qualification that qualifies you to teach in the country where you are based
- Teaching skills and experience normally commensurate with those required at the Diploma level and comfortably within the *Foundation* level or above on the CPD Framework for teacher educators
- A level of digital literacy commensurate with successful online learning and a familiarity with commonly used communication and learning platforms.

# Successful completion

The profile of successful participants is generally constructed around some or all of the following:

- positive approach to collaborative working
- creative thinking
- open to examining their attitudes around teaching and supporting teachers
- open to sharing their practice and levels of competence
- a positive view of participant-led professional development
- a positive view of the importance of establishing learning outcomes
- good communication skills, including good written skills needed for effective assignment writing
- an understanding, prior to the course, of their current levels of competence in relation to the CPD Framework for teacher educators
- commitment to managing work/ study effectively, in line with their availability and the specific scheduling of the course
- commitment to meeting deadlines and intrinsic motivation

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**“I appreciate it greatly because you can give and receive constructive feedback from your colleagues, which is crucial for professional development.”**

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