Entry Requirements for School Direct Training Programme

In order to apply for a place on School Direct, you must have:

- A UK undergraduate degree (at “good” honours level i.e. 2:2 or above) or a recognised equivalent qualification which must be awarded before July 2013.
- A GCSE grade C or above in English and mathematics which must be achieved before July 2013.

If you studied outside of the UK, you should visit the National Academic Recognition Centre (NARIC) website to find out whether your qualifications are of an equivalent level to UK GCSEs, A levels and an undergraduate degree.

- The School Direct Training Programme focuses on developing teaching skills. You should have a strong understanding of the subject you wish to teach before you start training. If your degree subject does not link closely to your chosen teaching subject, it is recommended that you undertake a subject knowledge enhancement course before you begin training.

- Candidates must have either paid or voluntary experience of working with the relevant age group of young people and have the experience, maturity and skills to enable successful completion of an employment based training route.

- If you wish to apply for a place on the School Direct Training Programme (salaried), you are required to have at least three years’ work experience in addition to the eligibility requirements detailed above. This experience may be in any career and does not have to be from an educational setting, but should generally apply to the years following graduation.

- A Potential to Teach form must be completed by an appropriate person e.g. Headteacher.

- Candidates must be able to demonstrate an ability to communicate clearly and accurately in spoken and written English.

- Must be willing to provide details in order to investigate:

    - Criminal Record Background.P

    - Physical and mental fitness to teach.

    - Permission to work in the UK

In addition, all candidates applying for initial teacher training (ITT) courses beginning after 1 July 2013 are required to have passed the literacy and numeracy professional skills tests before starting teacher training.