General Entry Requirements for Initial Teacher Training

GCSE requirements
For all programmes a GCSE, or comparable qualification, at grade C is required in English Language and Mathematics.
For Primary education, (pupils aged 3-11) a GCSE grade C is also required in a science subject.
Applicants who do not hold the relevant GCSEs may demonstrate an equivalent standard by completing tests with http://www.equivalencytesting.com and achieving at least a grade C. UCL does not accept equivalency tests from any other testing organisations.

First degree
A first or second-class UK Bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard from a recognised higher education institution is normally required. The equivalence of all overseas degrees will be verified through NARIC. Applicants who are judged not to have sufficient subject knowledge in the relevant area may be required to undertake a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course. The length of SKE varies depending on the need of the individual – from eight-week 'refresher' or 'booster' programmes, through to more extensive 36-week courses. For further details see www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/subject-knowledge-enhancement-ske-courses
For some programmes, applicants whose qualifications are of a lower standard may be admitted if they can demonstrate an appropriate academic background and experience in the relevant field.

Skills tests
For all programme applicants must successfully complete professional skills tests in literacy and numeracy before they can enrol on a programme leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Applicants are given three opportunities to pass the tests but if they fail three times they are required to wait 24 months before retaking. The tests must be taken and passed by 1st August 2017. Information on the skills test can be found at www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/skills-tests

School experience
All students joining UCL will be expected to have relevant recent experience within a school setting or have arrangements for that experience in place. The personal statement should include the details of when and where the experience has been, or will be, undertaken.

For the School Direct Salaried route applicants should be able to demonstrate a minimum of two weeks of experience in an appropriate educational setting, preferably prior to application, but definitely before commencement of the programme.

Work experience
On the School Direct Salaried route applicants must also demonstrate that they have around three years full time (or equivalent) of work experience. For subjects which the DfE have identified as 'Priority Subjects', we expect the applicant to have a minimum of 18 months of work experience; for all other non-priority subjects, and including Primary, we expect applicants to have at least two and a half years of work experience, which is more in line with DfE expectations.

Medical fitness (Occupational Health) and Disclosure and Barring Service Clearance
All applicants will be subject to these checks but on the Salaried route the employing school will be responsible for carrying out the checking processes and the related costs.
Teacher Training providers have a responsibility to ensure that trainees have the health and physical capacity to teach and will not put children and young people at risk of harm. For this reason all applicants will be required to successfully complete Occupational Health and Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure checks.
All teacher training applicants who are offered a place at UCL must be certified as meeting national requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach, as set by the Department for Education. We apply the Fitness to Teach requirement to all applicants.
For those offered a place on a Primary or Early Years Initial Teacher Education programme, confirmation will be required that the individual does not live at the same address as someone disqualified from working in a childcare setting.
If you have lived or worked overseas, or been on holiday in a country for more than six months you will also need to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct from the relevant country/countries.
Further information about the Enhanced Disclosure check and any related fees that you will need to pay will be provided in our offer letter, if your application to UCL is successful.
For advice please contact teaching-admissions@ucl.ac.uk or phone +44 (0)20 3370 1217.

English language proficiency requirements
If your first language is not English you will be required to provide recent evidence that your command of English is adequate. This may take the form of substantial education (usually at least 12 months) or work experience (usually at least 18 months), conducted in English in a majority English-speaking

country, no more than two years prior to the date of enrolment. Alternatively, applicants may provide an English language qualification recognised by UCL and awarded not more than two years prior to the date of enrolment. If you are a visa national, your qualification must have been taken within two years of any issuance of a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) from UCL. More details about English language proficiency requirements can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

Visa information
The Tuition Fee route is suitable for international students on a Tier 4 visa, where study must be full-time, face-to-face, starting in September.
On the Salaried Route it is the responsibility of the employing school to check that the applicant is eligible to train and work in the UK and to sponsor the required visa type.

Individual programme entry requirements
UCL has an admissions web page for each School Direct route and subject/phase. Applicants should be advised to visit the relevant UCL page to check the "entry requirements" in the "key information" panel.