



Welcome to the Faculty of Education & Society

One of five faculties in the University, the Faculty of Education and Society comprises two academic schools, the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences.

The Faculty's emphasis on continuous improvement and maintaining a high profile institutionally, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally has resulted in a number of accolades:

- 2nd in the UK for Teacher Training in the Guardian League Table 2020
- The only University in England to offer our BSC STEM suite for ITT.
- The only University in the UK to offer a specialist B.A (Hons) Primary with SEND QTS
- An Early Adopter to the DfE PGCE APPLY Portal for application to PGCE programmes
- The regional Lead in the National Tutor Programme (NTP)
- 1 of 8 HEIs in the UK to introduce Early Childhood Graduate Competencies
- Only HEI in the UK to offer a 2- year accelerated Professional Policing degree
- The only HEI in the North East to introduce the Social Work Degree Apprenticeship, celebrated in the recent Social Work week events schedule provided by Social Work England
- The only provider of a professionally recognised Community and Youth Work degree in the region.

The School of Education has four main areas of provision, three of which are predominantly concerned with training teachers at local, regional, national and international levels; **Initial Teacher Training, Independent Distance Learning, and Post Compulsory Education and Training**. Our undergraduate Initial Teacher Education courses are rated 2nd in the UK in the Guardian League Tables 2020. Our International Independent Distance Learning provision provides teacher training in over 50 countries worldwide. Our Post Compulsory Education and Training provision provides training for teachers in sixth form colleges, further education colleges, vocational training and adult education. The fourth area of our provision is our post graduate provision **Professional Development** which provides post qualifying Masters in Education provision, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

The School of Social Sciences has four main areas of provision united by a life changing ethos. Three of the areas focus on professionally accredited and professionally orientated programmes; **Applied Studies** – including Social Work and Community and Youth Work Studies, **Social Studies** – including Sociology, Criminology, Health and Social Care and Policing and **Childhood Studies** – including Childhood Studies and Childhood and Society. In this academic provision, We work closely with our partners in the statutory, care or voluntary sectors. Our fourth area of provision is the **Integrated Foundation** Year which enables access to degree programmes across the University for those who may not have the qualifications for direct entry into those programmes. Our postgraduate provision across the School focuses on Social Work, Childhood and Youth Work and Inequality and Society.

The Faculty has a strong focus on inclusion, equality and diversity both academically and in the support and opportunities that we offer to our students and staff. We have a significant focus on

widening access and will deploy our expertise to ensure we recruit students from the communities they will ultimately serve.