



Professional Graduate Diploma in Education PGDE Secondary (English and Gaelic Medium) (full-time and part-time options)

Subject-specific requirements for the subjects being offered by UHI*

*Please note that not all subjects are available on the part-time option – please check the relevant programme webpage for information on subject availability.

The minimum entry requirements for admission to all postgraduate (secondary) programmes are as follows:

- An undergraduate degree validated by an HEI in the United Kingdom or an undergraduate degree of an equivalent standard from an HEI outside the United Kingdom.
- 80 SCQF credit points relevant to the teaching qualification or qualifications being studied. 40 of the credit points must have been studied at SCQF level 8 or above. Such credit points can be gathered from undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree level study where the credit is of direct relevance to the teaching of the subject for which application is being made. Some credit points are acceptable for entry to more than one teaching subject. If a student wants a teaching qualification in more than one subject, appropriate credit points can be counted for entry to both subjects.
- SCQF level 6 English (for example, Higher Grade)
- SCQF level 5 Mathematics (for example, National 5).

For a full list of equivalencies please see [GTCS Memorandum on Entry Requirements to Programmes of ITE in Scotland 2024](#) Appendix A

The specific requirements (as well as the general requirements stated above) for subjects offered at UHI are as follows:

Art and Design

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in:

- Fine Art (or Contemporary Art) or Design. (20 credit points may come from Digital Art/Design or Photography)

Biology with Science

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study relevant to the Biology curriculum in Scottish schools.

Business Education

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in at least two of:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Business Management

Additionally, UHI will look for 20 credits in IT (to include advanced skills in databases or spreadsheets) from degree modules, HN units or Advanced ECDL/ICDL. These qualifications need to be from the last 10 years.

Chemistry with Science

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study relevant to the Chemistry curriculum in Scottish schools.

Computing Science

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points with 40 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8 (or above) from degree level study in at least two of:

- Computer Systems
- Software Development
- Databases
- Web Design

The other 40 credit points are required in any computing area relevant to the computing curriculum in Scottish schools.

English

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in English. A minimum of 40 SCQF credit points must be in Literature (this could include texts translated into English) A maximum of 40 SCQF credit points can be taken from any of the following areas:

- Media Studies
- Film
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- English Language
- Advertising
- Law

Gaelic

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in Gaelic or in Celtic (but must have specialised in Scottish Gaelic).

Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to both read and write Gaelic. Applicants are required to demonstrate to the university that they are fluent in spoken Scottish Gaelic.

History

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in History or Ancient History with a maximum of 40 SCQF credit points from Archaeology.

Home Economics

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points including 40 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8 (or above) from degree level study in either food, nutrition or professional cookery programmes or textile technology programmes.

The other 40 credit points can come from the above or any of the other relevant areas outlined in the table below:

Topic	Brief content
Family Studies	Parenting; childhood studies; family lifestyles; socioeconomic influences; environmental issues.
Food Science	Food chemistry; composition of foods; processing and manufacturing of foodstuffs; functional properties of foods; biotechnology; microbiology.
Health	Health promotion; health education; determinants of health; lifestyles and health; environmental issues; health and food policies.
Professional Cookery	Practical food preparation skills; food preparation techniques; safety.

Mathematics

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study relevant to the Mathematics curriculum in Scottish schools.

Music

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study in Music which includes studying music over at least three years. Applicants are also expected to:

- (i) Demonstrate intellectual music skills (some of which would be advanced) across the following:
 - musical repertoire and musical contexts
 - an understanding of interdisciplinary approaches (e.g. music and the relationship to other disciplines)
 - analysing, synthesising, and interrogating musical materials.
- (ii) Demonstrate that they are competent in practical musical skills (some of which should be advanced) across the following:
 - instrumental performance
 - vocal performance
 - keyboard performance
- (iii) Have experience of music technology in some format (e.g. use of microphones, experience of recording and producing).

It would be expected that all applicants should meet the requirements of (i). Applicants who do not meet the requirements of (ii) or (iii) will have to demonstrate competence through an interview process.

Physics with Science

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study relevant to the Physics curriculum in Scottish schools.

Religious Education

Applicants must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree-level study in two or more of the areas listed below:

- Religious Studies
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Divinity
- Sociology of Religion
- Anthropology of Religion
- Psychology of Religion

Applicants wishing specifically to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools must have a minimum of 80 SCQF credit points in:

- Religious Studies
- Theology
- Divinity

This may include a maximum of 20 credit points in philosophy related to religion.

Technological Education

A minimum of 80 SCQF credit points from degree level study relevant to the technological education curriculum in Scottish schools. A minimum of 20 credits should come from list A and a minimum of 40 credits should come from list B:

- List A: technological subjects such as mechanical, electrical or electronic engineering/sciences, mechatronics, architecture, construction technology and building services
- List B: design and graphics-related subjects such as computer-aided design, graphic design, computer-aided design manufacture, industrial design and product design