

Computing Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) Course Information

What is the Computing SKE course?

- An intensive 200 hour course designed to develop subject knowledge for secondary trainees in Computing.
- The course is aimed at participants who may already have some subject knowledge in this area by studying, for example, IT based courses but who need to build on this to encompass aspects of computing which they may not have had the opportunity to study before.
- The focus of the course is to enable course members to understand the content of the GCSE computing course thus enabling you to deliver content at KS3 and KS4.
- Participants are supported by online tutoring provided by the course leader who will assess your understanding of the different subject elements of the course.

Will I have to pay?

No, in fact you will receive a bursary of £200 per week for the equivalent of the 6 weeks study prior to the PGCE. You can only receive one bursary at once, so you are not eligible for a SKE bursary during the PGCE.

What is the status of the course?

The course is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and aims to increase the pool of eligible trainees for Computing teacher training by enhancing their subject knowledge so that they can meet the standards for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

There are 20 places available on the course, contact Phil Spencer for details:

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How can I apply?

You can apply for teacher training via UCAS in the usual way. It is helpful to indicate interest in this course in the personal statement. A SKE may be recommended as a condition for entry to the PGCE. If this is the case, and you are applying to train at Sheffield Hallam University, your UCAS application form will be forwarded to the relevant SKE course leader. Applicants not undertaking teacher training at Sheffield Hallam University will need to complete the online application form.

What happens after I apply?

It will take a few working days to process your application at Sheffield Hallam University. If you are successful, confirmation and further details will be sent to you.

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