

Information for International Students

PGDip Deaf Education / MSc Deaf Education

The University of Manchester

Completing the placements on the course

In order to be able to complete the PGDip or MSc you need to be able to complete two teaching placements (Year 1 and Year 2) where your skills in teaching deaf learners will be assessed.

Due to the requirement to complete placements in the UK you have to have Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in the UK. QTS enables you to teach in schools in the UK.

For International Students QTS can be achieved in a number of ways and is outlined here on the [Gov.uk website](#).

Please note:

- Some teachers outside the UK will be able to claim equivalency with the Teacher Regulation Agency (TRA) for their qualifications and gain QTS.
- Other teachers outside the UK are not able to claim equivalency for their qualification. Instead they can undertake an assessment to demonstrate that they meet the standards for QTS.
- Some teachers would need to undertake a further programme of study to gain QTS.

The appropriate route for you depends on the qualification you gained and where (ie which country) you gained that qualification.

An example of a student from Cyprus who gained QTS

A good example of a student who has recently gained equivalency of QTS with the TRA can be seen in this [short blog](#). Andria is a student from Cyprus who demonstrated equivalency of her teaching qualification. She has now undertaken two Teacher of the Deaf teaching placements in the UK and seeks to take up a role as a Teacher of the Deaf in Cyprus.

For students who cannot achieve QTS

For International Students who cannot achieve QTS we would recommend the Postgraduate Certificate in Deaf Education (International Pathway). Please visit the [course page](#) for more information.