



Get on your way to becoming a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning



The Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning (SSAT) is now available – exclusively to SSAT members and those training on an SSAT Programme.

This masters-level programme is worth 60 credits - equivalent to the first third of an MA in Teaching and Learning (MATL) - and offers you an affordable route to take your professional development to the next level. It will support the work you are doing in school and be aligned with SSAT training programmes.

Three course units focus on reflecting on practice. You will:

- study the theory of reflection
- examine critical incidents
- apply these methods to your professional work.

How is the programme assessed?

This course will build on and provide further accreditation of the learning you have already completed through your SSAT programme. For each course unit you will be required to produce one written assignment. These will be reflective and critical commentaries that evaluate and apply relevant literature and theory to the focus of your study and theme of each course unit.

How is the content provided?

The PG Cert T&L (SSAT) programme is delivered in a virtual learning environment giving you control over where and when you study. The VLE enables you to discuss with tutors and other participants, and access written, audio and video lessons and key texts. Drop-in sessions can also be arranged to let you meet face-to-face and/or virtually with your tutor.

How long will I study?

The PG Cert T&L (SSAT) is studied part-time for one year to gain 60 masters-level credits.

When will the programme start?

October 2013. You will be invited to an induction day in Manchester during the autumn term 2013 where you can meet your designated tutor and begin your study.

'If you want a masters course that is flexible, provides excellent structure and resources, and allows you to develop as a research practitioner focusing on your classroom practice, this is the course for you.'

Di Wharmby, former director of training school, Canon Slade School, Bolton

Your route to a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (SSAT)

Year 1

PG Certificate T&L (SSAT)

Course unit 1: Reflecting on professional practice 1 (15 credits)

Course unit 2: Reflecting on professional practice 2 (15 credits)

Independent study unit (30 credits)

Year 2

PG Diploma T&L (SSAT)

Choose four 15 credit course units from:

Teaching learning and assessment

Collaboration and leadership Inclusive practice

Coaching and mentoring Curriculum development

Year 3

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Professional enquiry 1 (30 credits)

Professional enquiry 2 (30 credits)

Year 1, course unit 1 (15 credits): Aim: to develop participants' skills in critical thinking and evaluation of professional practice. For example, you may have contributed to SSAT's Redesigning Schooling campaign or engaged in educational blogs that could be used as the basis of this reflection.

Course unit 2 (15 credits): Aim: to enable participants to critically reflect on and strengthen classroom practice through development of an enquiry-based approach. For example, you could build on your research from your Lead Practitioner Accreditation portfolio or Leadership case study.

Independent study unit (30 credits): Aim: to critically reflect on professional pedagogy, leadership and learning. For example, a significant shift in your pedagogical practice, as a result of TEEP, other SSAT programmes or engaging with SSAT as a member, could underpin part of your research.

How much does the PG Cert T&L (SSAT) cost?

For 2013/14, the cost is £1,400. This is a special discounted rate for SSAT members.

How do I progress on to the full masters qualification?

If you enjoy your PG Cert T&L, why not use the 60 credits towards continued study to gain a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (SSAT)? Contact your tutor before the end of your studies to discuss.

How much does the full MA Teaching and Learning (SSAT) cost?

For 2013/14, it costs £4200 for 120 credits. If you already have masters-level credits these may count towards your MATL. Contact your tutor before the end of your studies to discuss.

Interested?

Register your interest or find out more at PgCertTLSSAT@ssatuk.co.uk

Get in touch

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