

An Education degree doesn't restrict you to one career. Education is a highly skilled and diverse profession with a wide range of challenging career opportunities for both men and women.

get involved



Studying at the University of Stirling

Stirling is a place where everyone is treated with respect and where ability, not background, is valued. You typically need four good Highers or an HNC to go into Year 1 of both Primary and Secondary Education, or an HND in a related subject for the TQFE.

You will also need a Higher in English and a National 5 in Maths to get into both the Primary and Secondary Education courses, and often a specific subject at Higher depending upon the course.

The grades required may be subject to change, and so you should check the following websites before applying:

- BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Primary Education stir.ac.uk/43

- BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Secondary Education stir.ac.uk/44
- Teaching Qualification in Further Education (TQFE) stir.ac.uk/q4

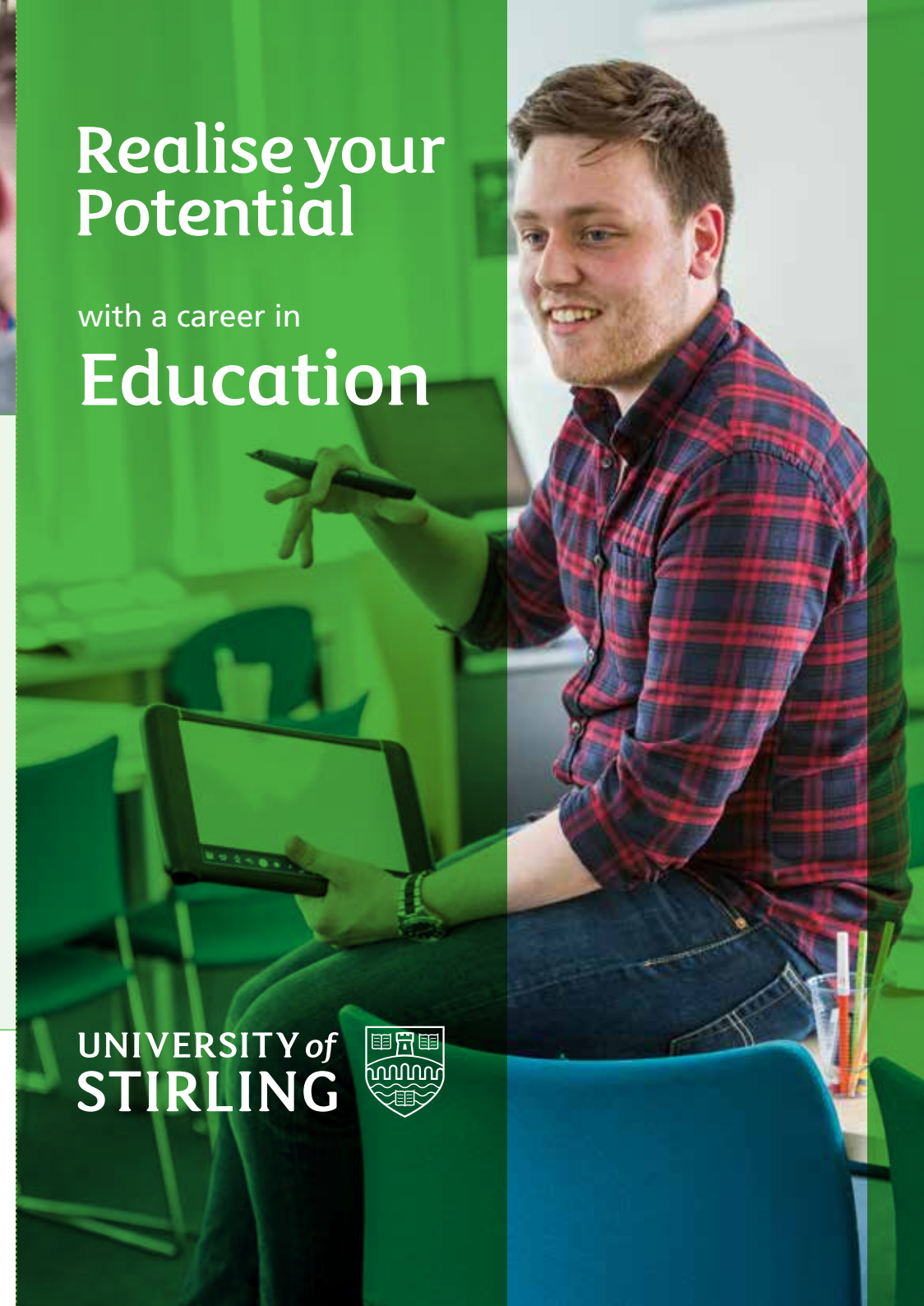
It is not possible to get advanced entry into a teaching programme in either Primary or Secondary Education.

Ninety-nine percent of Education students at Stirling are in employment or further study within six months of graduating. Most enter the teaching profession, although some go on to careers in corporate training, museum and leisure education and outreach work. The Faculty of Social Sciences excels in research areas like professional education, leadership and curriculum development.

Realise your Potential

with a career in

Education



UNIVERSITY of
STIRLING



UNIVERSITY of
STIRLING



University of Stirling, FK9 4LA, Scotland, UK
Telephone +44 1786 467046
Email realiseyourpotential@stir.ac.uk
Scottish Charity No SC011159

Careers in Education

The successful completion of a recognised degree in either Primary or Secondary Education allows you to register with the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) and join the Probationary Teacher scheme. This is managed by the Scottish Government, and is required for full accreditation – guaranteeing employment for one year as a newly qualified teacher in a Scottish Local Authority school.

These qualifications are also recognised across the world, enabling you to teach in many different countries.

Graduates often branch out in to different areas of education, including community education, special educational needs and youth work. They also go into careers advice, social and welfare work and research roles – often in government, charities or universities.

Work Experience

Most teaching degrees ask for related knowledge and experience with the specific age group you wish to teach. This can be through both voluntary and paid work. Examples include taking part in Brownies, Scouts, youth groups or sports groups. It should also include some time spent in school with the relevant age group, either shadowing a teacher, helping with classes of younger pupils in secondary school or working as a volunteer in a primary school. This experience is a great opportunity to find out exactly what being a teacher is like before committing to a degree.

What to Study

Do you want to be a teacher? If so, a professional degree in Education is essential. The main types of degree are listed below.

1. BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Primary Education

To teach in a primary school in Scotland, you need to study a professional degree in Primary Education. You can choose between a Primary Education course and one that combines Primary Education with another subject. This allows you to graduate with both a teaching qualification for Primary Education and a subject-based degree – including Early Years, the Environment, Gaelic, History, Mathematics and Modern Languages.

Alternatively, you could study a subject-based degree, and then spend another year gaining the professional education qualification. This is called a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Education, or PGDE.

2. BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Secondary Education

To teach in a secondary school in Scotland, you need to study a professional degree in Secondary Education. At the University of Stirling, you are able to combine Secondary

Education with another subject – the one you want to teach – which means you graduate with both a teaching qualification and a subject-based degree.

Alternatively, you could study a subject-based degree, and then spend another year gaining the professional education qualification. This is called a Postgraduate Diploma in Secondary Education, or PGDE.

3. Teaching Qualification in Further Education (TQFE)

A TQFE is aimed at those who want to teach in a college or other Further Education setting. This course lasts for one year, and you will need to have first achieved an HND in the subject you wish to teach. It offers both theory and practical experience through placements to allow you to develop the skills needed for your studies.

How do you get a place at university?

There are many different ways to get into university. No matter who you are or what you are studying, there will always be a route available.

If you wish to become either a Primary or Secondary Teacher, you will also need a Higher in English and a National 5 in Maths.

School qualifications: You will normally need four or more good Highers in order to be considered for a place on an Education course. The grades required differ depending on the course and university you choose. To be sure, always check the entry requirements at each university you intend to apply to.

College qualifications: The most common qualifications considered are Higher National Certificates (HNC) or Higher National Diplomas (HND).

Often an HNC/HND is enough to develop a career in Education without the need for a degree. For instance students who complete an HNC or HND in Early Education and Childcare or Childhood Practice often go on to work as nursery nurses or child-minders.

HNC/HNDs can also be used to get into a degree course at university – usually to start a degree in Year 1. It is not possible to get advanced entry in to a teaching degree, although some universities will offer HN students in a related subject the opportunity to go directly into Year 2 of a subject related degree or non-teaching education related course. HND students may be offered the opportunity to go directly into Year 3 of a non-teaching education-related degree course.

