



REGISTER Now For Autumn 2025

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

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Autumn 2025 Cohort

(Register Your Interest Now and be alerted when the DfE Portal Opens- July 2025)

Evidence informed, practical and network focused nationally recognised qualifications supporting teachers, leaders and associate professionals, to deliver school/setting improvement & improved outcomes for young people.

Learners First is a successful delivery partner of the University College London's (UCL), 'outstanding' Institute of Education. We are committed to delivering the highest quality professional development and networking opportunities for leaders, teachers and associate professional colleagues through the DfE's golden thread. There are NPQs for all... Specialist NPQ qualifications offer career routes for those colleagues who want to develop their expertise in specialist areas of teaching, practice and pastoral care. Leadership NPQ gualifications are aimed at school, early years and system leaders.

Free Online NPQ Information Briefing

Register here

If you have any questions, or want to find out more before registering/applying for an NPQ, please choose a date and time to suit you

"I unexpectedly stepped in to the role of Acting Headship and without clear direction. Without my NPQ training, I would simply not have been in a position to apply for the permanent role. The course content is so clear, concise and relevant.' N. Walker NPQH, Derbyshire 2024

Specialist NPQs		Suitable for teachers and leaders currently or aspiring to specialise in a domain area of expertise. <i>Not suitable for ECTs</i> .	
12 months duration plus assessment	<u>NPQ Leading Teacher</u> Development (NPQLTD)	learn how to become a teacher educator to successfully support teachers in your area of responsibility or whole school , to expand their skills (suitable also for mentors)	
	NPQ Leading Teaching (NPQLT)	learn how to develop and lead subject curriculum, pedagogy and assessment within a subject, year group or phase	
	<u>NPQ Leading Literacy</u> (NPQLL)	learn how to effectively plan for , teach and promote literacy across the whole school, year group, key stage or phase. Endorsed by the DfE English Hub.	
	<u>NPQ Leading Behaviour &</u> <u>Culture (NPQLBC)</u>	learn how to create a culture of good behaviour and high expectations in which staff and pupils can thrive (also available to colleagues without QTS)	

Leadership NPQs		Suitable for teachers, current or aspiring school/trust leaders who are or aspire to operate at a level commensurate with the NPQ standard. NB, NPQSEND can be accessed by participants without Qualified Teacher Status	
18 months duration plus assessment	<u>NPQ Early Years Leadership</u> (NPQEYL)	develop expertise in leading high-quality early years education and e effective staff and organisational management (suitable for leaders Childminders, and school EYFS leaders)	
	NPQ Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (NPQSENCO)	Develop expertise in leading SEND across your organisation. This is the mandatory qualification for all named or aspiring SENDCOs who do not hold the NASEND (pre 2024). All SENCOs without NASEND must register & complete the NPQSEND within three years of taking up role. Suitable for Assistant SENCOs & those without QTS.	
	<u>NPQ Senior Leadership</u> (NPQSL)	develop your leadership knowledge and expertise in different domain areas to improve outcomes for teachers, the wider workforce and pupils across your school	
	<u>NPQ Headship (NPQH)</u>	develop the knowledge that underpins expert school leadership , including working in partnership and organisational management and apply it to become an outstanding headteacher	
	<u>NPQ Executive</u> Leadership (NPQEL)		elop the expertise you need to become an outstanding executive leader , leading ainable change and improvement at scale across a group of schools or MAT. NB

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Funding & Costs

The DfE is currently reviewing the scholarship allocation and funding for 2025. For more information regarding eligibility and funding for your setting please visit the DfE Funding Page or contact us on info@learnersfirst.org

As an illustration, the table below exemplifies the funding for April 2025. Please refer to UCLs website for more inform

NPQ	Scholarship Funding Available	Qualifying Criteria	
NPQ Headship NPQ SEND	Yes - Fully Funded for all *	Participant must be employed in a state funded school or setting	
NPQ Executive Leadership NPQ Senior Leadership NPQ Early Years Leadership NPQ Leading Teaching NPQ Leading Teacher Development NPQ Leading Behaviour & Culture NPQ Leading Literacy	Yes – Conditions Apply	 Participants must be employed in a state funded school or setting which is identified in: the 50% of schools with the highest proportion of students who attract pupil premium funding 16 to 19 educational settings identified as having high disadvantage 	For non-eligible settings or those without a scholarship, you are still able to study an NPQ. Please see the <u>UCL Website</u>
*NB: The DfE have agreed a limited number of nationally so early registration is ESSENTIAL to	· · ·	 Highly disadvantaged early years settings (NPQEYL only) 	for course costs as per DfE Guidelines

NPQ Course Structure & Time Commitment

Our NPQs are a blend of flexible, high quality online learning, coaching, virtual and face to face workshops. During the course you will complete an unassessed implementation project of your choice to link NPQ theory directly to your own work in your own school/ setting.

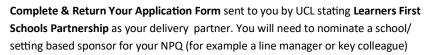
	Duration	Blended Structure	Summative Assess-
		(Face to face sessions are based in South Yorkshire)	ment
All leadership NPQs	18 months plus 8-	3 x 1 hr Online Self Audits (start of each module)	
	day window for	2 x 5 hrs Induction /Consolidation Conference (start and	
	final	end of course)	
	assessment	3 x 5hrs Face to Face Days (Guest speakers)	1,500-2,500 worded
		4 x 3hrs Peer Learning Groups (face to face)	response to a
		4 x 1 hr Line Manager/Coach Check ins (in school/setting)	scenario based case
		3 x 1 hr Online discussion forum	study. Open book
		39 hrs self-study online at a time to suit you	online submission.
		(Total Study Time=75 hrs over 18 months)	8-day window
All Specialist NPQs	12 months plus 8-	3 x 1 hr Online Self Audit (start of each module)	
	day window for	1 x 4/5hrs Induction Conference (face to face or online)	
	final	27 hrs Self Directed Learning at a time to suit you	
	assessment	1 x 3 hrs Online Learning Community Discussion	
		3 x 3/4 hrs Peer Learning Group (Face to face)	
		3 x 1hr Line Manager/Coach Check In (in school/setting)	
		(Total Study Time=55 hrs over 12 months)	

How to Register, Apply or Find Out More...



Register your Interest. Complete your Expression of Interest here with UCL . Please mark your Delivery Partner as Learners First Schools Partnership

Apply for your Place with the DfE here (opens July 2025) stating your Lead Provider as University College London (UCL) Early registration advised for funded place



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Learners First Schools Partnership as your delivery partner will onboard you to start the course in the Autumn Term 2025

