Part Time Route – Associate Schools

Associate schools commit to:

- Support 2–4 part-time students across 60 placement days each year.
- Year 1 – provide a timetable for 60 practice learning days appropriate to the level of study of 2 to 3 days per week (supervised teaching, in-school activities, observation and PPA). Teaching intensity increases from 30–60% and needs to include experience in two consecutive age phases in the relevant subject/phase.
- Year 2 – provide a timetable for 60 practice learning days of which at least 30 days must be undertaken in a block. Teaching intensity increases up to 75% per week.
- Identify a class/subject Mentor. Fortnightly timetabled mentoring sessions, regular observations and formal assessment. Release Mentor to attend OU Professional Development events.
- Identify Senior member of staff as School Coordinator to lead OU provision. Provide time for professional development and QA activity.
- Support the use of IRIS for online remote teaching observations by filming lessons and work with a practice tutor.
- *The OU ITE Partnership makes a financial contribution to mentoring support.*