The Golden Thread Teaching School Hub

Best Practice Network

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Nationwide delivery

Only chance to apply in the 2025/26 academic year

Flexibly delivered around you

Specialist NPQs

For teachers and leaders looking to specialise in:

- Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD)
- Leading Teaching (NPQLT)
- Leading Behaviour & Culture (NPQLBC)

"The Specialist NPQs are a superb way for teachers and leaders to understand leadership from within their specialisms."

Laura Saunders , Lead Facilitator

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Accredited NPQ provider

Department for Education

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Best Practice Network

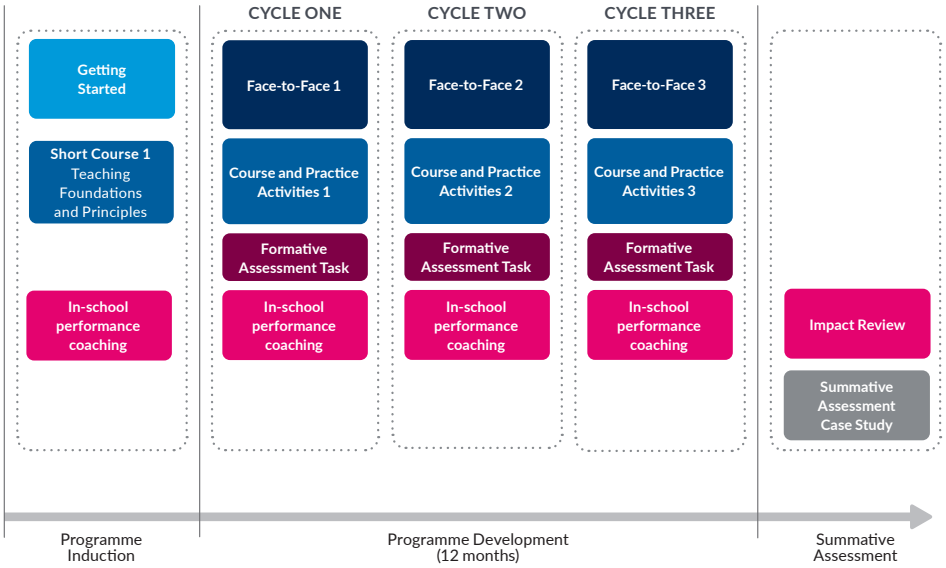
NPQs from Best Practice Network

The National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) are a suite of DfE-accredited qualifications for school leaders, designed to support professional development.

The three Specialist NPQs in this brochure are for teachers and leaders who want to develop their knowledge and skills in specialist areas of school practice.

Best Practice Network's unique approach to NPQ delivery means participants access individualised training based on areas they have identified as needing improvement. Our cyclical programme structure utilises Face-to-Face training, online learning and 1:1 coaching to deliver a comprehensive learning experience that fits around busy teacher timetables.

NPQ Programme Structure



We offer NPQs with...

Flexible training

The qualifications are designed to be flexible to fit with your busy working role. Training is delivered in bite-sized chunks, and you can learn at a time and pace that suits you.

On average you will need to spend between 1 and 2 hours per week working towards completing this NPQ. Where possible, you should do this during dedicated career development time in school hours.

Positive change

You will be encouraged to apply and translate what you've learned to your own school context. Your training provider will give you models and examples that will help you translate theory into practical skills you can use in your setting.

Face-to-Face Events

Take advantage of training alongside a diverse group of fellow educators with lots of different perspectives. You will learn from each other's experiences and be able to bounce ideas off each other during group sessions and collaborative practical tasks.

Individualised training

You will be able to focus on specific areas of leadership where you want to improve your knowledge. This will help you make evidence-informed decisions and action positive change.

Coaching

You will benefit from personalised feedback and performance coaching from an experienced professional.

Funding

Funding is available for teachers and leaders who work in the most challenging schools or educational settings. Scholarships will be available to teachers and leaders from:

- 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
- Schools eligible for targeted regional improvement for standards and excellence (RISE) intervention

Scholarships will continue to be available through Best Practice Network to all teachers and leaders from publicly funded schools and 16 to 19 educational organisations for the following:

- NPQ for SENCOs
- NPQ for Headship
- EHCO (Early Headship Coaching Offer)

National Qualifications Locally Delivered

Thanks to our extensive NPQ Delivery Partner Network (see map), over 30,000 teachers and leaders have been able to engage with our NPQs in local schools and venues across England.

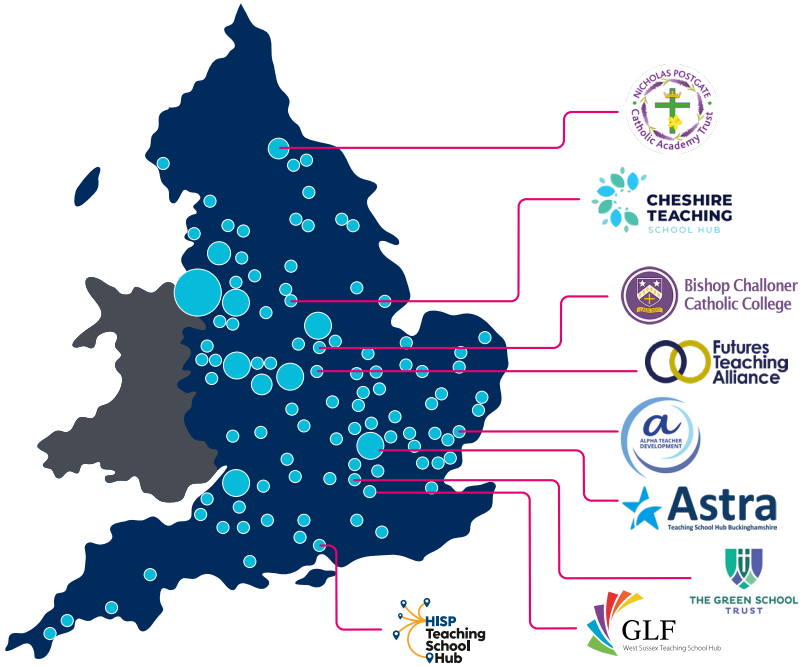
We draw from the local expertise of our partners to both develop and deliver the NPQs. This close relationship with local experts ensures we can deliver qualifications contextualised to local conditions.

With hundreds of NPQ groups now running across England, your nearest NPQ group is just around the corner.

Chris Ludlow, Partnerships Director

Chris is responsible for managing our Delivery Partner Network and works closely with partners on all aspects of programme delivery.

If your school group would like to become an NPQ delivery partner please contact Chris at **partnerships@bestpracticenet.co.uk**



Partner focus

Sufian Sadiq
Director

Chiltern Learning Trust

As Director of Teaching School at Chiltern Learning Trust, Sufian oversees two regional Teaching School Hub areas.

A passionate activist within the educational landscape around equity and inclusion, Sufian is a Fellow and Board Member of the Chartered College of Teaching, as well as a Fellow for the Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors.

"The appetite for CPD is increasing and the way in which people 'consume' CPD has changed since the pandemic and it is great to work with Best Practice Network to make CPD accessible for all and to those school leaders that simply through no choice of their own cannot take time away from school.

CPD must become a contributor to wellbeing for teachers and not a trigger for creating stress and workload."

"The NPQs delivered by BPN provide a strong framework for developing excellent schools and school leaders nationally."

Karen Taylor-Paul
Director

AlbanTSH Teaching School Hub

"Since moving to Best Practice Network, our participants comment positively on the contextualised approaches to case studies and exemplars.

BPN listen to our feedback at weekly partnership meetings and at the strategic board; their proactive approach to implementing change is one of the many positive aspects of our partnership."

> "We are delighted with the NPQ programmes so far. I have two members of staff participating and the skills and knowledge they have gained so far is incredible."
>
> Headteacher

National Professional Qualification for Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD)

NPQLTD gives participants all of the essential knowledge, skills and concepts that underpin the successful leadership of teacher development.

Who is it for?

The NPQLTD is suitable for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading the development of other teachers in their school.

They may have responsibilities for the development of all teachers across a school or specifically trainees or teachers who are in the first two years of their career.

Entry requirements

Applicants must have

- completed 2 full years of teaching and have either QTS, QTLS, a Level 5 (or higher) qualification (any subject) or an international equivalent
- an in-school performance coach will need to be identified

Benefits

- Lead the development of teachers at your school
- Oversee staff development and improve outcomes for all
- Complete NPQLTD around your existing schedule
- Streamlined final assessment
- Purpose-built virtual learning environment enabled for mobiles and tablets
- Support to pass the final assessment

Qualification elements

INDUCTION STAGE	Induction	1 hour
DEVELOPMENT STAGE	Face-to-face events	18 hours
	Online course study	32 hours
	Formative assessment tasks	18 hours
	In-school performance coaching	5 hours
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT STAGE	Case study scenario	Max. 1500 words

Total Guided Learning Hours: **74**

Learn more and apply at **bestpracticenet.co.uk/NPQLTD**
For more information call **0117 920 9428** or email **npq@bestpracticenet.co.uk**

Scan here to learn more and apply.

AT A GLANCE

Face-to-face events
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This Course Awards
40 Master's Credits

Course Duration
12 months

Coaching
5 hours

Course start
1 intake a year starting in autumn

Laura Sanders
Lead Facilitator

LEAD FACILIATOR

Laura is responsible for leading and overseeing the specialist NPQs programmes for Best Practice Network, as well as the learning design and face-to-face facilitation of the programmes.

"The mix of the online learning and face-to-face interactions is fantastic. The flexibility and communication around the deadlines and submission of work has been great and has had a minimal impact on my existing commitments."

Alex Roberts, Head of year at Hitchin Boys School, Leading Teaching participant

National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching (NPQLT)

NPQLT gives participants all of the essential knowledge, skills and concepts that underpin the successful leadership of teaching.

Who is it for?

NPQLT is for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading teaching in a subject, year group, key stage or phase.

Entry requirements

Applicants must have

- completed 2 full years of teaching and have either QTS, QTLS, a Level 5 (or higher) qualification (any subject) or an international equivalent
- an in-school performance coach will need to be identified

Qualification elements

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DEVELOPMENT STAGE	Face-to-face events	18 hours
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	In-school performance coaching	5 hours
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Total Guided Learning Hours: **74**

Benefits

- Get practical tools and guidance to sequence your curriculum and plan for assessment in your specific subject and context
- Build the expertise to effectively manage a team of teachers and create a culture of professional learning and continuous improvement in your school
- Learn to support colleagues effectively training alongside a diverse group of fellow educators with lots of different perspectives
- Streamlined final assessment
- Purpose-built virtual learning environment enabled for mobiles and tablets
- Support to pass the final assessment

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Oskar Krzos
Lead Specialist
NPQ Coordinator

LEAD COORDINATOR

Oskar is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Specialist NPQs, from arranging groups to managing the day-to-day operations of the NPQs. Oskar has a passion for empowering the next generation of school leaders.

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"My first module was challenging, interesting and it all seemed relevant. I liked the ability to cut information and save it as I have been able to refer back to it again and again."

Joshua Levenson, Headteacher at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

National Professional Qualification for Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC)

NPQLBC gives participants all of the essential knowledge, skills and concepts that underpin successful leadership of culture and behaviour in a school.

Who is it for?

NPQLBC is suitable for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading behaviour and/or supporting pupil wellbeing in their school.

Entry requirements

Applicants must have

- completed 2 full years of teaching and have either QTS, QTLS, a Level 5 (or higher) qualification (any subject) or an international equivalent
- an in-school performance coach will need to be identified

Benefits

- Develop a culture of high expectations and good behaviour
- Understand complex needs and parent engagement
- Develop your knowledge of behaviour systems
- Complete NPQLBC around your existing schedule
- Streamlined final assessment
- Purpose-built virtual learning environment enabled for mobiles and tablets
- Support to pass the final assessment

Qualification elements

INDUCTION STAGE	Induction	1 hour
DEVELOPMENT STAGE	Face-to-face events	18 hours
	Online course study	32 hours
	Formative assessment tasks	18 hours
	In-school performance coaching	5 hours
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT STAGE	Case study scenario	Max. 1500 words

Total Guided Learning Hours: **74**

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Catherine Sellars
Head Instructional Designer

HEAD INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER

As the Head Instructional Designer, Catherine is responsible for the creation of the online elements of the NPQs. Catherine has over 20 years' experience designing courses and CPD for teachers and other education professionals.

Apply for an NPQ

You can apply for any of our NPQs directly through our website, but we suggest you take the following steps before applying:

STEP 1

Speak to your headteacher or line manager about getting support to complete a National Professional Qualification (NPQ).

STEP 2

Visit **bestpracticenet.co.uk/NPQ**

We have in-depth programme guides, case studies and webinar recordings which will give you a good understanding of the requirements of each NPQ.

STEP 3

Talk to us! We can be contacted through the **livechat** on our website or by **phone** or **email** and we will be delighted to answer any questions you might have.

STEP 4

Apply directly through our website. Applications take approximately **20 minutes** to complete and our NPQ team is on-hand and **ready to assist**.

Learn more

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