

The NCETM PD Lead Programme

2025/26 Information and Application Form

Information

The aim of the NCETM and the Maths Hubs Network is to provide opportunities for all practitioners of mathematics to benefit from high-quality collaborative professional development (PD). This requires that there are enough people with the skills and capacity to lead, facilitate and support the professional development of others, both within and across settings.

The NCETM PD Lead Programme (PDLP) is designed specifically to address this need. This is part of the Maths Hubs Network's strategy to build up a group of PD Leads who can support the work of local Maths Hubs.

It would be a good idea to contact your local Maths Hub before filling out the application form to introduce yourself and share the professional development experience that you have. You can find your local Maths Hub using the [search tool on the NCETM website](#).

The programme

If you have **existing experience** as a leader of professional development and wish to develop further in this role, this programme is for you. Your prior experience could be within your own setting/organisation or more widely, including work with your local hub. Experience and an ongoing commitment to lead professional development for teachers of maths is an essential requirement for recruitment to the programme.

This is an accredited programme, to be successful you must meet the accreditation criteria.

The programme consists of a blend of online and face-to-face activity equating to three days, and a series of independent planning and study tasks to be completed in your setting, spread over the academic year. You will be in a position where you have ownership of planning, leading and evaluating a professional development programme for a group of teachers/practitioners. Your work on the programme will be recorded and shared for accreditation purposes in a standardised document (Accreditation Evidence Document (AED)). The professional development programme that you undertake must be one where you design a significant amount of the content – the NCETM SKTM programmes (Early Years, primary and primary TA) will not be eligible for consideration in the Accreditation Evidence Document. If using ECT or secondary non-specialists SKTM programmes your AED must clearly demonstrate that core materials have been tailored to meet the specific needs of your participants.

Throughout the year you will:

- consider what constitutes effective PD and the role of the PD Lead in terms of planning, executing and evaluating PD programmes
- consider some fundamental themes and issues in maths and the teaching of maths, and the implications of these in the context of supporting other practitioners
- develop an understanding of the full range of potential outcomes of maths professional development, including: knowledge, attitudes and dispositions; practice development; school approaches/policies; pupil outcomes
- develop an understanding of effective models of maths professional development, the rationale for using them, and the research evidence that supports them.

Accreditation will be based on your ability to successfully:

- regularly engage with the Cohort Lead with regard to your decision-making processes and actions involved in designing a PD programme

- critically evaluate the effectiveness of the PD programme you have designed
- reflect on the whole process and critically assess your own learning and practice development as a PD Lead.

In order to be recognised as an NCETM Accredited PD Lead, you will need to successfully complete the programme through meeting the accreditation criteria (including **full** attendance at all sessions and completion of all programme tasks with related paperwork).

Masters credits

In partnership with the University of Chester, we are delighted to offer you the opportunity to further develop your work from the PD Lead Programme to gain 60 Masters credits and a PG Certificate in Educational Studies in Mathematics.

Further information about the time commitment, assignments and costs will be available later in the year. Please indicate on the application form whether you are interested to know more about this opportunity.

Funding

The PD Lead Programme is funded by the Maths Hubs Network¹. Your local Maths Hub is keen to develop local leaders of mathematics education (LLMEs) and looks forward to you getting in touch.

If you are selected, your Maths Hub will sponsor you for:

- attending the local sessions (equivalent to three full days)
- online and email coaching and tutoring from the Cohort Leads throughout the duration of the programme
- all administration involved in subsequent accreditation.

Upon successful completion of the PD Lead Programme, the Maths Hub will offer a grant of £800 to your school.

How to apply

You will need the full support of your headteacher/principal/senior leader to prioritise and fully attend all sessions, and to give you appropriate opportunity to design, lead and evaluate your PD programme. If you are a primary applicant, please consult with your Maths Hub prior to applying.

You and your headteacher/principal/senior leader should complete the online application form and it should be submitted to the NCETM **by 5pm on 14 March 2025**. Maths Hubs will complete the selection process, and you will be informed of the result before the summer break.

The application window will open on **2 December 2024** at which time a link will be added to the NCETM website. Please complete all sections of the application form and submit **by 5pm on 14 March 2025**. Applications received after this time **will not** be accepted.

¹ The Maths Hubs Network has a limited amount of funds each year to develop and accredit PD Leads.