SunShine®
Training

COURSE GUIDE
Awarded by Focus Awards

Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills) (RQF)

Prepare for professional teaching in further education and skills.

120	1,200	400	24
CREDITS	TOTAL HOURS	GUIDED HOURS	COURSE MONTHS

About this course

A substantial teaching qualification combining subject teaching, professional practice and digital learning. It requires a real placement and assessed teaching, alongside online study.

Who can join and what you arrange

Applicants need suitable subject expertise and Level 2 maths and English before starting. Sunshine checks admission, study skills and placement suitability. **You arrange your own placements and mentors.** See the practical checklist on page 2 before booking.

Assessment and practical requirements

Complete assessed work, a practice portfolio, required teaching and placement hours, formal observations and a final professional discussion. **Recorded micro-teaching cannot replace the formal observations.** Sunshine agrees the assessment plan with you and your placement.

Course period and portal access

24 months from purchase, including a reservation. A later teaching start does not reset the period. Lifetime portal access is separate. Ask Sunshine about an extension if you need longer.

Tutor support

Email and WhatsApp: 9:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday, UK time. Replies within **1 working day**; assignment feedback within **7 working days**. Portal details within **2 working days** after enrolment and eligibility checks.

Your next step

Build your professional teaching practice and explore further study. This diploma does not itself award QTS or QTLS; any professional-status application has separate criteria.

Course facts

Awarding body: Focus Awards
Level: 5 (RQF)
QRN: 610/5281/4
View the official Ofqual record
Sunshine minimum age: 19
Format: Online study plus substantial teaching placement

What you will study

- Teaching My Subject
- Learners and Learning
- Teachers and Teaching
- Professional Practice
- Effective Digital and Online Pedagogies
- Selected options: Action Research; Developing, Using and Organising Resources in a Specialist Area

What the course includes

Materials, tutor support, assessment, Focus Awards registration, certificate, resubmissions and certificate postage. **All included.** Certificate release follows success, checks and full payment. Allow 6 weeks; up to 12 in busy periods.

Booking and enrolment

View current enrolment details and terms on the course page.

View courses and enrolment details

sunshinetraining.co.uk | info@sunshinetraining.co.uk
07515 971081 | Read the course terms before booking.

Your DiT practical checklist

Plan your placement and observations before you book.

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Placement hours and teaching

Arrange **at least 250 placement hours**, including **150 teaching hours**. Within the teaching hours, at least 100 must be in your subject, 80 face to face and 20 live online. The 1,200-hour TQT also includes study and assessment; it is not just placement time.

Breadth of placement

Experience two teaching locations, with at least 20 hours in the second placement. Normally this is with another provider; permitted alternatives need Sunshine approval.

Mentors and local support

Arrange subject-specialist and pastoral mentoring, alongside your Sunshine tutor. Agree suitable staff, permissions, schedules and support before enrolment.

Observations and final assessment

Complete **10 observations of at least 45 minutes**, normally teaching groups of at least 10 learners. Remote-observation limits apply. Recordings do not replace formal observations. The final practice assessment includes a **30-minute in-person professional discussion**.

Before you reserve your place

Confirm admission, practical access, mentor suitability, observations, teaching start and your completion deadline. **All 24 months start on** purchase, including a reservation. A later teaching start does not reset the period. Sunshine approves the plan before enrolment. Placements and mentors are learner-arranged.

Reservation and enrolment

Check the course page for reservation availability and enrolment terms. Confirm practical access before reserving a place.

Know your dates

Study starts after enrolment and eligibility checks; portal access within two working days. Check the teaching start and your completion deadline with Sunshine.

Practical access

You arrange your placement and mentors. Check any travel and host-organisation arrangements before booking.

Read the qualification details

Official Ofqual record

Focus Awards qualification details

The full specification and your approved assessment plan govern practice and evidence requirements.

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