

ITT information summary 5: Intensive Training and Practice (ITAP)

What is Intensive Training and Practice?

- Intensive Training and Practice is a new element that must be incorporated into all ITT courses leading to QTS from September 2024.
- ITAP is not part of the ITT placement, although placement schools may wish to support ITAP too.
- ITAP will intensively focus on analysing evidence of pivotal aspects of teaching, putting this into practice immediately, and receiving immediate focused feedback on this practice.
- It spans at least 20 days in the curriculum across the year (can be in short or longer blocks of time)
- In addition to school placements (although some time might be spent in school)
- It is distinct from and different to the taught course.
- The focus is on pivotal and foundational aspects of classroom practice.
- Providers will choose between 3-5 areas of focus.

ITAP: a granular focus

- ITAP topics will be pivotal or foundational elements of classroom practice that all teachers need, irrespective of context.

For example, behaviour management would be too broad a focus.

However, 'setting routines' to support behaviour management would be considered appropriate.

- Providers have been working closely with the DfE to agree granular foci and to trial models of ITAP in preparation for September 2024.

What actually happens?

- Trainees are introduced to the underpinning theory.
- They observe and deconstruct good practice – breaking down what they see with the support of expert tutors.
- They plan and rehearse delivering that aspect of teaching – with the support of expert tutors.
- They enact their plans with groups of learners and receive instant feedback.
- They review and refine their plans.
- They put their understanding into practice on school placements.

What can schools do to get involved?

- Some schools have been involved in trialling ITAP with their providers this year.
- Schools offering placements may be asked to provide opportunities for their trainees to rehearse aspects of their training with their placement class or another class in school.

What is your school an expert in?

- Could you use this expertise to support an ITAP?
- If you would like to get involved, contact one of the district's ITT providers or Exceed TSH.

Further information:

[Exceed Teaching School Hub | ITT plus Teacher and Leader training and development](#)

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DfE ITT update: [Offer a trainee teacher placement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

DfE Funding guidance: [Initial Teacher Training ITT Reform Funding Guidance.pdf](#)