CELTA Mixed Mode at Cambridge Regional College

Cambridge Assessment have recently introduced the possibility of a 'mixed mode' course which allows you to train in both face to face and online teaching, thereby increasing your skill set on completion and making you even more employable!

Please see the information below for further details.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the course be as in depth as a fully face to face/online course?

Yes! You will still complete the same modules and input as you would on a 'one mode' course with additional input to allow for some online technical training. Training both face to face and online is likely to be very attractive to any future employer.

Will I still be teaching real students in both modes?

Yes, the assessment criteria is exactly the same, and this includes 6 hours of assessed teaching practice with real students, taught online and face to face.

What platforms will be used?

Methodology input will be delivered via the Cambridge Assessment Virtual Learning Environment. Tutors will also deliver methodology sessions online via Zoom as well as face to face during the initial stages of the course. Teaching practice online will be delivered via Zoom, for which the college has secure educational licences.

What equipment will I need?

A laptop or PC is essential as some features of the VLE and Zoom are restricted on smartphones and tablets. A headset with a microphone is needed for teaching practice. You will need a stable internet connection with a strong signal.

Do I need to have good IT skills?

You don't need to be an expert in IT, though some familiarity with using computers will certainly be an advantage. Before teaching online, the tutors will provide full training in using Zoom as a teaching tool. You will be expected to do some troubleshooting yourselves at times however.

Do I need to be in Cambridge for the full 5 weeks to take the course?

No, though you will need to be local for at least the first half of the course since the course requires you to be in college during this time. During the second half, you can be anywhere providing you have internet access.

What will I be doing in the first week if there's no teaching?

The first week of the course is devoted to preparing you for teaching. This involves various face to face input sessions where we will work through the methodology and you will have a chance to get to know and work with your fellow trainees. You will also observe your tutor teaching, and you will get the chance to meet and try some unassessed teaching practice with your students before you deliver assessed teaching practice.

What will I be doing for the rest of the course?

Assessed teaching practice starts in the second week of the course. This will be in the afternoons Monday - Friday. In the mornings you will be working through online methodology units, occasional 'live' input sessions, assignments and lesson preparation. This will be the case throughout the online and face to face elements of the course.

A typical day will look like this:

09:00-10:00 – Assisted Lesson Planning

10:00-13:00 – Independent (asynchronous) study/live input

14:00-16:00 – Assessed Teaching Practice

16:30-17:15 – Feedback on Teaching Practice

How much support will I get from my tutors?

There is exactly the same amount of support as any other of our courses. Tutors will give you feedback on your online study, help you with lesson planning, provide feedback on your teaching practice and carry out 1-1 tutorials with you to discuss your progress

How much is the course?

The course costs £1,513, which includes all exam fees.

How do I apply?

Please complete the application form, pre-interview task and handwritten task on our website and email these to our tutors – full information on the application procedure is here: https://www.camre.ac.uk/celta-courses/celta-application-process/

What if I have other questions?

Please email our course tutors on celta@camre.ac.uk