PGCE programmes with a specialism questions

In applying for a PGCE route with a specialist element we wish to explore how good a candidate you are for that route. Please consider the relevant curriculum area below and prepare to discuss two questions, self-selected, from the relevant curriculum area.

PGCE with Mathematics

- Why do you think so many learners develop negative attitudes towards mathematics? What might teachers do to address this?
- In which ways might it be appropriate to enhance opportunities for children in Primary Schools who achieve highly in mathematics?
- How might teachers support children who are finding mathematics difficult in order to enable them to work alongside the other children in a class?
- Mathematics is more than number. How might we ensure children understand this and engage with and value other areas of mathematics?

PGCE with Physical Education

- What do you consider the key features of a high quality PE lesson to be? What might you do to ensure that lessons are as inclusive and accessible as possible to all children?
- The Government introduced the PE and Sport Premium into Primary Schools in 2013. How do you think that schools can best use this funding to ensure that the PE Curriculum that they are delivering is high quality? What might schools do to evidence the impact that the funding has had on the quality of PE lessons in their school? How might they ensure that this is sustainable?
- Some children may feel anxious about participation in PE lessons. As a teacher, what would you do to help them to overcome their anxieties?
- What do you understand the difference to be between PE and School Sport?

In preparing responses to your chosen question we will be looking for you to demonstrate that you have utilised your graduate skills and your ability to reflect upon your experiences in school. In particular:

- Using your abilities to evaluate and analyse sources of information that might support and justify your view
- Ensuring that, where you can, you exemplify through consideration of school experiences
- That you answers demonstrate your emerging understanding of what may be good practice and illustrate how you have come to this view

In considering your responses we are do recognise the context, that you are an applicant to a PGCE programme. We are looking though to explore your level of interest and understanding in relation to the specialist element of the programme to which you are applying.