

# Key facts:

## National Professional Qualification for Headship



[www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege/npqh](http://www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege/npqh)

**The National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH), is the first choice qualification for anyone aspiring to be a headteacher or principal. The redesigned programme is set to produce an outstanding generation of school and academy leaders.**

1. NPQH is for those who are highly motivated to be a headteacher/principal and – with support – will be ready for headship in 12-18 months.
2. The programme will develop talented leaders from all backgrounds who can deliver educational excellence in a self-improving system, and high quality outcomes for pupils and students.
3. The application form requires you to draw out your evidence against the competencies within the NPQH assessment framework. You will require the endorsement of your line manager or sponsor.
4. To achieve the NPQH qualification you'll need to successfully complete three essential and two elective modules outlined below (titles subject to change):



### Elective modules

- Curriculum development
- Achievement for all
- Closing the gap
- Using data and evidence to improve performance
- Leading staff and effective teams
- Leading change for improvement
- Leadership in diverse contexts
- School improvement through effective partnerships

### Essential modules

- Leading and improving teaching
- Leading an effective school
- Succeeding in headship

### 5. New programme features include:

- longer in-school placements combining a whole-school strategic leadership task, as well as an opportunity to work with experienced headteachers in a different context
- access to peer learning and optional coaching to extend and maximise learning throughout the whole programme
- a credible, valid and reliable final assessment and programme report will be available to support governing body interview panels

Application guidance, competency frameworks and the latest application round information are available online at [www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege.org.uk/npqh](http://www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege.org.uk/npqh).

Not a member of the National College? Register today for regular email updates, including news of activity in your region. Visit [www.nationalcollege.org.uk/membership](http://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/membership).

# NPQH model

