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Mark Isherwood MS  
Member of the Senedd for North Wales

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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your Written Question, dated 28 August 2024, asking for an outline of the Welsh Government's policy on teaching apprenticeships.

Our Apprenticeship Policy Statement, published on the 27 February this year, makes clear that we are prioritising apprenticeship investment in those sectors that will support economic growth and community cohesion, including net zero and the foundational economy.

A part-time route through the Open University is available for those that wish to undertake a PGCE. This enables people to achieve Qualified Teacher Status for either primary or secondary school level and can be studied in either English or Welsh.

This part time qualification blends online academic study with essential practical experience within schools and there are two routes available. There is a salaried route for those already working in a mainstream state school, as a teaching assistant or in a non-teaching role. There is also a part-time route that allows people to study towards a PGCE, gain part-time practical teaching experience, whilst working or undertaking other commitments.

Yours sincerely,

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