Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship (CofEPQH)

What is the CofEPQH?

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship provides a unique opportunity for professional, spiritual and personal development. Rooted in the Church’s vision for education, this programme both provides rigorous preparation for leading a school and enables participants to support all staff and pupils to live ‘life in all its fullness’ (John 10:10).

The programme is bold, incorporating the core practical elements necessary to build a successful school, whilst also providing a learning community for school leaders to engage with and explore the Church’s vision for education. The programme will resonate with educators looking for a genuinely pupil focused approach, ensuring excellent academic outcomes and nurturing the whole child.

The Church of England’s vision for education is based on four core elements:

• Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills
• Educating for hope and aspiration
• Educating for community and life together
• Educating for respect and dignity

In this pilot year, you are invited to be part of shaping this dynamic programme which responds to the challenges and needs currently being faced in schools.

How is the CofEPQH different?

We believe education is a vehicle for transformation; providing opportunities for all to flourish; creating positive change and connections across our communities. This programme will support you in realising this. You will:

• Explore your own beliefs and values underpinning your vision for school leadership
• Develop the skills and confidence to make authentic leadership decisions both strategically and in the everyday challenges you face
• Explore your leadership practices in the context of the Christian narrative, virtues and theological wisdom
• Develop as a reflective practitioner, in order to support your personal, vocational and professional development
• Reflect on your own spiritual development and the importance of this in sustaining leadership
• Learn to effectively support others in their personal, vocational and professional development

The qualification is assessed and awarded by Liverpool Hope University and there is the option for participants to achieve 30 Masters Level Credits.

What will I learn about?

• Leading with integrity and using your values in your decision making
• How your leadership can be courageous, graceful and wise
• The nature and purpose of education
• Strategies for exploring your own educational philosophy
• Education policy and strategy in the light of the CofE vision for education (including SIAMS and Ofsted)

• Managing change with integrity
• Your personality and leadership characteristics through personality type models/frameworks
• Inclusive learning environments where all can flourish
• Working with and leading communities
• Education models from around the world

Find out more about the Church of England’s Vision for Education at: www.churchofengland.org/education/publications
When does the programme start?

- The pilot programme will run from Autumn 2016 to Summer 2017, in 3 regions (South West, South East and North West).
- Dates will be confirmed during Summer 2016.

How will it be delivered?

- 3 residential (one per term)
- Action learning sets
- 2 visits to schools in your region
- Mentoring by experienced education professionals
- Academic writing sessions run by Liverpool Hope University
- Online resources

How will I be assessed?

- All participants will complete a Critical Reflective Portfolio and Impact Case Study.
- Participants wishing to achieve the 30 Masters Level Credits will be required to submit their Portfolio to Liverpool Hope University.

Is this programme for me?

- The programme is open to current headteachers (including Heads of School) who have been in post for 2 years or less, senior school leaders and aspiring headteachers.
- School leaders from any primary and secondary schools may join the programme including Church of England schools and community schools.
- Participants will need to hold a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours Degree in a relevant discipline. Equivalent practical/professional experience will also be considered.

The total cost of CofEPQH is £2,200 plus VAT. **As this is the pilot year of the programme, the course has been subsidised by 40% bringing the cost to £1,320 plus VAT.**

Payment can be made in full or split across the year.

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There are a limited number of bursaries available for small schools to access. Please contact foundation.programmes@churchofengland.org to discuss your situation.

Next steps and further information

Please contact foundation.programmes@churchofengland.org for an application form. Places are limited so you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Closing date for applications is 16th September 2016.

Following receipt of your application you will be contacted to arrange a short telephone interview.

Frequently Asked Questions can be found online at www.churchofengland.org/education/church-schools-academies/cofepqh-faqs. Please phone 020 7898 1535 if you would like to discuss the CofEPQH in more detail.