The University’s Institute of Education trains new teachers for the region’s schools and provides postgraduate and Continuous Professional Development courses to further develop teaching skills for those already working in the teaching profession locally.

Following a £30 million investment in the University’s London Road campus, the Institute of Education has returned to its central Reading home, where it was founded in the early twentieth century.

The original Edwardian buildings have been refurbished to create dedicated spaces for the teaching of subjects such as music, PE, drama, languages, the sciences, ICT and art.

The Institute provides PGCE Secondary and Primary programmes, BA Education and the Graduate Teacher Programmes (GTP) as well as the unique BA in Theatre Arts Education and Deaf Studies (TAEDS) and the BA in Children’s Development and Learning.

Building on the success of its Foundation degree, the Institute has also become a major provider for Early Years Professional status.

Institute staff conduct research that informs the study of education with specialisms in areas such as special educational needs, promoting and developing mathematics education, outdoor play and provision, language and literacy and early years education.

The Institute’s new facilities also provide a new home for the National Centre for Language and Literacy, a unique and nationally-important centre showcasing more than 80,000 books available to schools, teachers and families, helping raise standards in reading and writing.

‘This recent investment means we are in a fantastic position to help prepare for the challenges of educating children well into the 21st century and to provide great spin-off benefits to local schools which use our professional development courses and can access our resources and expertise.’

Professor Andy Goodwyn, Head of the Institute of Education

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- 96% of students find full-time employment after graduation.
- The Institute is ranked in the top 3 in Guardian University Guide 2013.
- There are over 8 undergraduate applications per place in 2012.
- The Institute partners with 300 schools.