BCU ITE Mentor Support Programme

general mentor training grant
BCU ITE guidance

As schools across our partnership begin to work in supporting our Associate Teachers, we thought it would be useful to offer information on details of the DfE grant conditions for 2026/27 and the BCU ITE Mentor training programme and training allocations.

Extracts from **General mentor training grant: guidance for ITT providers, 2026 to 2027 (DfE, 2026):**
For a school to claim this funding, the mentor must:

- be employed by the school making the claim
- have undertaken up to 16 hours of initial mentor training, or up to 6 hours of refresher training, per accredited ITT provider

Eligible type of training
Funding can be used to cover a variety of training. This includes:

- virtual
- face to face
- asynchronous

Schools that host ITT trainees in the academic year 2026 to 2027 can claim:

- £43.80 per hour for schools outside London (the rest of England)
- Schools can only claim funding for one mentor per trainee, unless the mentor withdraws.
- You can only submit the claim when the mentor has completed their training.
- We strongly recommend you submit claims after the accredited ITT provider has confirmed the mentor's training hours.

The **BCU ITE Mentor Support Programme** offers the following mentor support for new and experienced mentor training, via our Brightspace platform and online content:

New Mentor Training (up to 16 hours for New Mentors who have not previously mentored with BCU):

Attendance of Phase specific online Briefing session	– 2 hrs
New Mentor Training (**Unit 1** – Introduction to effective mentoring)	– 2 hrs
New Mentor Training (**Unit 2** – Instructional Coaching & Deliberate Practice)	– 2 hrs
New Mentor Training (**Unit 3** – The Mentor Conversation)	– 2 hrs
New Mentor Training (**Unit 4** – The BCU Way)	– 2 hrs
New Mentor Training (**Unit 5** – The BCU ITE Mentoring Model)	– 2 hrs
Joint observation and feedback with Lead Mentors	– 2 hrs
Annual Refresh (Primary or Secondary Curriculum as required & ITaPs)	– 2 hrs

Refresher Training (up to 6 hours for existing mentors who have previously worked with BCU):

Attendance of Phase specific online Briefing session	– 2 hrs
Joint observation and feedback	– 2 hrs
Annual Refresh (Primary or Secondary Curriculum as required & ITaPs)	– 2 hrs

If you have any further questions regarding the BCU ITE Mentor Support Programme please contact ITEMentoring@bcu.ac.uk for more details.

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