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The University of
Nottingham

National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership

Empower your leaders, to inspire your learners.

Why George Spencer Academy?

- We are a well-established Leadership Development training provider and Teaching School
- Exceptionally high completion and pass rates
- Outstanding leaders from primary, secondary and special schools, have jointly designed & will co-deliver the course
- Our range of high-quality and diverse placement schools
- Opportunities for M credits towards a Masters level qualification with the University of Nottingham*
- High quality support through to your final assessment
- Flexible options that take account of your differing phases, contexts and personal development needs
- Some of our elective modules are only available via GSA
- Easily accessible training venue

"This has been the most rigorous and valuable CPD course I have been on so far in my career. Meeting a wide range of leaders has also been of great benefit." - Dennis Simms, Head of Business, Administration and Finance (Magus CofE Academy.)

"The Face-to-Face days were a really important aspect of the course. It provided the opportunity to meet colleagues from a wide range of different settings, and to learn from each other. The days were always stimulating and thought provoking, with speakers from both the primary and secondary phases. After completing the course, I feel much better prepared to take on a leadership role."

- Marie Turner (St John's CE Primary)

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The NPQSL is a new qualification that provides national recognition of your leadership development and professional achievement as a senior leader.

Often holding expert knowledge in a particular field, senior leaders work effectively across the whole school to bring about sustained improvements. The National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) is aimed at senior leaders with cross-school responsibilities, including experienced middle leaders, deputy heads, special educational needs co-ordinators (SENCOs), advanced skills teachers and other senior staff looking for further professional development but not aspiring to headship at this stage in their career.

The qualification is designed to support you in becoming a highly effective senior leader, with the skills, confidence and knowledge to contribute to the strategic development of your school or organisation as part of the senior leadership team.

The programme looks at the challenges of leading issues that affect the whole school and explores practical strategies for addressing school improvement priorities.

To achieve the qualification, you'll need to successfully complete two essential modules and two elective modules and undertake a final assessment demonstrating that you can deliver successful and sustainable school improvement.

Course Details

During the course of our NPQSL programme you will engage in a range of integrated activities including: Day-to-day leadership development in your current school during which you will lead on a strategically challenging project and integrate learning from NPQSL into your leadership practice.

Essential Modules

• Closing the Gap

This module will develop your ability to close gaps in achievement and attainment that can occur across specific groups of pupils, particularly in relation to the needs of disadvantaged pupils, including those entitled to free school meals. The module considers how to identify gaps, diagnose causes and address within-school variation (for example differences in performance of teachers with similar groups of pupils). Evidence drawn from research will be used to demonstrate which pupils perform least well nationally and why.

• Succeeding in Senior Leadership

This module considers the significance of leadership across the school and explores motivations and behaviours that leaders bring to their role, including values and beliefs. You'll look in-depth at how leaders apply their leadership in the workplace to address school improvement priorities.

Two Elective Modules

Chosen from the following: Improving the Quality of Teaching, Effective Whole School Management, School Self-Evaluation, Leading Professional Development, Effective Partnership Working, Research and Development in Teaching, Leading Change for Improvement. We also offer an elective which is only available through us: International Benchmarking; Learning from Success.

Closing Date - 23rd September 2016

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