**Interview Information:**

**BA (Hons) Primary Initial Teacher Education with Qualified Teacher Status**

**BA (Anrh) AGA Cynradd gyda SAC**

Thank you for your application to the above course. We have considered your application and would like to invite you to attend an interview event with members of the USW Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Partnership.

The interview event will be held from **12pm -5pm** and will comprise the following activities:

1. **Group Discussion of a short journal article**

Your capacity to understand and learn from evidence-based knowledge and research will be assessed through discussion of a short journal article in a group situation with approximately six candidates. The article is on our [website](https://www.southwales.ac.uk/documents/1373/Article_for_discussion_-_Primary_Teaching_with_QTS.docx) and is included in this pack. You will need to prepare in advance for this discussion by reading and engaging with the content. When preparing for the group discussion, please consider:

* The points that the writer makes
* How the writer supports his arguments
* How effectively the writer expresses his views
* The stance that the writer makes and your responses to this

Please note that you will not be allowed to refer to any notes during the group discussion. A clean copy of the article will be given to you before the discussion begins.

Success criteria for this group discussion are:

* Evidence that you have engaged with the content, views and opinions expressed in the article and you are prepared to probe and challenge the content of the article and others’ views and opinions
* Clear communication of your ideas, views and opinions
* Use of appropriate standard English/Welsh
* Effective listening skills; listening to the views of others, reflecting and responding appropriately to develop ideas and move the discussion forward

**Please note: This group discussion will take place in English. Applicants to BA (Anrh) AGA Cynradd gyda SAC may, of course, request to undertake this discussion in Welsh.**

1. **Individual presentation**

You will explain to members of the USW ITE Partnership how you would teach a new skill to a group of children. You will not be required to actually teach the skill but we will ask you to explain clearly how you would teach it. You may bring notes and resources with you. You will not have access to any IT facilities for this activity.

Success criteria for this individual presentation are:

* Clear explanation of how you would teach the skill with clear learning objectives, structure, content and assessment
* Clear communication, including the use of appropriate standard English/Welsh
* Enthusiasm, passion and consideration of how you would engage your learners’ interest
* Effective time management and use of resources (if applicable)

**Please note: This individual presentation will be conducted in Welsh for applicants to BA (Anrh) AGA Cynradd gyda SAC.**

1. **Interview**

Members of the USW ITE Partnership will interview you. During the interview, the panel will be assessing evidence of your ability to develop the following competencies:

* appropriate inter-personal skills, including the ability to communicate with a professional and academic audience
* appropriate mind-set, values and professional disposition
* passion, drive and motivation for teaching
* understanding of some or all of the factors that can impact upon learning
* understanding of the role of the Welsh language and a commitment to continuing your improvement of your Welsh-language skills.

**Please note: This individual presentation will be conducted in Welsh for applicants to BA (Anrh) AGA Cynradd gyda SAC.**

1. **Literacy and Numeracy Test**

Your literacy and numeracy skills will be tested via timed online tests, thereby also testing baseline digital competence skills. You may prepare to take these tests by accessing practise papers [here](https://www.southwales.ac.uk/story/1919/).

**Please note: Applicants to BA (Anrh) AGA Cynradd gyda SAC will undertake the literacy test in English and the numeracy test in Welsh.**

If you have not already had a campus or accommodation tour, then these will be available on the day. You will also have an opportunity to meet some of our current Primary student teachers and talk to them about life as a USW Primary student teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact our Enquiries and Admissions Team 03455 76 77 78 enquiries@southwales.ac.uk

We look forward to meeting you!