



National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders

Application Window Now Open

The NPQSL is designed to support participants to become highly effective senior leaders, with the skills, confidence and knowledge to drive and inspire successful team performance across a school and improve outcomes for pupils.

Since 2013 the Surrey Teaching Schools Network (STSN) has run the national leadership programmes for over 2000 leaders. It is committed to developing outstanding leaders who can transform schools and ultimately improve educational outcomes for young people. Feedback from the leadership programmes has been overwhelmingly positive. Many participants say that their experiences on the course have helped them to secure promotion.

The following details provide an outline of the eligibility criteria, content and assessment of the NPQSL.

Who Can Apply?

- ◇ Those who are, or are aspiring to become, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities e.g. an experienced middle leader, a deputy headteacher, an assistant headteacher, or other senior staff.
- ◇ This includes those who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities e.g. a Director of a Teaching School Alliance (TSA).

Content

The programme includes a 'virtual' induction session followed by 1 half day and 3 full day face-to-face events, 6 weeks of facilitated online learning and the opportunity to share and learn from the experiences of practising school leaders from a variety of backgrounds and educational contexts.

The programme will be run over an academic year; participants will be expected to complete the assessment at the end of this time.

There are 6 areas of learning which will be delivered through four discrete units:

- ◇ Strategy and Improvement
- ◇ Teaching and Curriculum Excellence
- ◇ Increasing Capability/Managing Resources and Risks
- ◇ Working in Partnership/Leading with Impact

There are 3 two week online courses which are facilitated by a team of expert online tutors.

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Assessment

The NPQSL assessment enables participants to demonstrate that they can deliver successful and sustainable school improvement in a school setting and can use the experience to reflect upon and improve their leadership. Participants are expected to:

- ◇ Lead an improvement project across their school, lasting at least 2 terms, to reduce variation in pupil progress and attainment (part A) and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching (part B).
- ◇ Submit a written account of the project demonstrating how they have met the set criteria. This should cover the initiation, implementation and evaluation of the project. It will also include written evidence/appropriate documentation and further evidence/verification from the participant's school based tutor and headteacher.

Participants have to nominate their line manager or a senior manager to be their school based tutor.

Dates

Start: Induction event July. F2F1 September 2020

Completion: within 18 months

Venue

We host at various local venues in Surrey, Sussex and Essex. Exact dates and venues will be published once all applications have been received.

Cost

The cost of the NPQSL is £1,085* which includes 4 face-to-face sessions and 6 weeks of facilitated online learning and assessment support. **DFE Scholarship Funding. The DfE have confirmed that scholarship funding for the NPQs will continue with the eligibility criteria unchanged until the end of this academic year. Please contact us to confirm if you are eligible.*

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What our participants say....

"Thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from the course. A great chance to reflect. "

"Excellent presentation from guest Headteacher. Great input into the values and qualities of leadership at senior level compared to middle leadership."

"The online course enabled me to take the course in my own time and fitted into a busy teaching schedule and allowed me to still have a personal life."

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