

For the second year, Discovery is working in partnership with Leadership East as licensee to deliver the NPQSL. We are now recruiting for the Spring Term 2017.

NPQSL - Leading a team within an organisation

The National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) is a qualification that provides national recognition of leadership development and professional achievement as a senior leader.

Who is the NPQSL for?

The NPQSL is aimed at experienced team leaders with wider responsibilities traditionally associated with senior leadership roles. For example:

- Deputy or assistant heads
- Experienced senior leaders who wish to further their knowledge and skills
- Experienced senior leaders who are seeking promotion to a senior leadership role
- Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE)
- Senior leaders in a federation with responsibility areas across several schools
- Someone who has responsibility for supporting other schools
- Senior leaders working in schools and academies who are not qualified teachers

What is the NPQSL programme?

NPQSL sits at level two of the leadership curriculum (level 3 the NPQH) for the National College for Teaching and Leadership. It is designed to support participants in becoming highly effective senior leaders with the skills, confidence and knowledge to contribute to the strategic development of the school or organisation as part of the senior leadership team.

To achieve the qualification, participants will need to complete two Essential modules ("Closing the gap" and "Succeeding in senior leadership") and two Elective modules chosen from a wide range of options.

Included in the cost of the programme will be:

- Online materials for the two Essential modules and two Elective modules
- Full day, face to face training for each module (with lunch included)
- Online discussions and support
- A 360 degree diagnostic

How is the programme assessed?

Although individual modules are not assessed, there will be the requirement of one extended school improvement task that relates to your leadership role and to your school's improvement priorities. This extended school improvement tasks will need to draw on learning from the two Essential modules. In addition a paper summarising learning from the Elective modules will be required.

The work should be undertaken over at least two terms and enable participants to show evidence of the impact of their leadership.

How long does it take?

The qualification can take between 6 and 18 months to complete with each module requiring between 40 and 50 hours of learning. The majority of senior leaders are likely to spend 12 months completing the programme.

How much does the NPQSL cost?

The National College no longer offers scholarships for the NPQSL, however, we are pleased to be able to offer this programme for the reduced price of £1045 + VAT. This is below the National College recommended retail price of £1400. This is a non-refundable charge and must be paid once your place has been confirmed by Discovery.

NB this is likely to be the last year that there will be no assessment charge.

Dates and venue

| day | month | date | time | venue | focus |
|-------------------|----------|------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|
| Monday | January | 9 | 9am - 3pm | Hinchingbrooke House | INTRODUCTORY |
| Tuesday | February | 28 | 9am - 3pm | Hinchingbrooke House | ESSENTIAL |
| Wednesday | April | 19 | 9am - 3pm | Hinchingbrooke House | ESSENTIAL |
| Thursday | June | 15 | 9am - 3pm | Hinchingbrooke House | ELECTIVE |
| Thursday | July | 13 | 9am - 3pm | Hinchingbrooke House | ELECTIVE |
| TBC – AUTUMN 2017 | | | | Hinchingbrooke House | ASSESSMENT |

How to apply

To apply for a place on this programme please complete the booking form at www.leadershippeast.org.uk, quoting the cluster code **NPQSL9-CLU-DTSA1** or contact Lorraine Cunningham lcc@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk for further information.