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## National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)

**We are part of an NPQ Alliance, led by Ambition Institute.**

This is a national Alliance that brings together over 50 multi-academy trusts, teaching school alliances and teaching schools, with regional school groups from across the country. EMTTP deliver the NPQs across the East Midlands in strategic partnership with five multi-academy trusts. This includes: East Midlands Education Trust; Two Counties Trust; Equals Trust; The White Hills Park Federation; and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic MAT.

### **The programme**

The main focus of this programme is the participant's own leadership development, including how to make best use of tasks and tools to make the transition to senior leadership.

Participants will be assessed through a written assignment to ensure that they have reached the qualification requirements.

The core components of the programme are:

- Self-development and stepping up into senior leadership
- Strategic leadership using data
- Leadership of whole-school CPD
- Teaching and learning improvements
- Horizon scanning and looking to the future

Workshops will include a mixture of theoretical input and also case studies and interactive discussion amongst participants. Participants will also be directed to a bank of online resources that will supplement and enhance learning thus preparing them for the written assessment.

To make sure they get the most out of the programme participants will need to carry out pre- and post-workshop reading outside of the sessions.

As well as attending each training day, participants will need to lead an improvement project across their school lasting at least 2 terms, to reduce variation in pupil progress and attainment and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching. This project will form the basis of the written final assessment.

### **Length**

The programme consists of five areas of study, delivered over 5 days. The course lasts 18 months.

## Eligibility

This programme is suitable for:

- **Middle leaders who are aspiring to senior leadership** and meet the following eligibility criteria:
  - Likely to be in a senior leadership role in the next 12-18 months
  - Have completed at least one year at a middle leadership level
  - May have served on an extended SLT
- **Those currently in senior leadership roles who fit within the guidance below:**
  - Senior leaders should have responsibility for the results of a team, and line manage at least one middle leader
  - Will serve on the senior leadership of the school, and attend SLT meetings
  - In secondary schools, senior leaders will have roles such as assistant headteacher or assistant/vice-principals
  - In large secondary schools, heads of large departments and faculties, leaders may have responsibility commensurate with that of senior leaders
  - In primary schools, senior leaders will have roles such as assistant/associate headteacher or assistant/vice-principals as well as substantive whole-school responsibilities
  - If the senior leader is aspiring to headship, or is a deputy headteacher in secondary / deputy or assistant headteacher in primary, this person is likely to be more suited to NPQH

For both aspiring and serving senior leaders to receive their qualification, they will need to lead an improvement project across their school, lasting at least two terms, to reduce variation in pupil progress and attainment and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching. Therefore, it is essential that this is something your school understands and will support when placing participants on the programme.

**Cost:** £1200 per candidate\*

***Please note:** When applying for a place, your school agrees that it is able to pay for your place on the course. If you are eligible for a scholarship, we will apply on your behalf and contact your school if you have been successful in gaining a fully funded place. Although we cannot guarantee scholarship places for anyone, it is likely that those working in an area 5 or 6, or in a MAT with schools in an area 5 or 6, will be successful. Previous evidence suggests that those who meet the criteria and apply for scholarships are successful in attaining funding when they apply early for the course. As yet, there is no confirmation of scholarships from the DfE for 2020/21. If you have any questions about your eligibility please contact: [cpd@emttp.ac.uk](mailto:cpd@emttp.ac.uk)*