

CDC and Initial Teacher Training

United Kingdom

DESCRIPTION

In England, while there are **some elements of CDC and democratic culture in Initial Teacher Training (ITT) for further education or VET**, they have peripheral relevance. In the ITT course, how **CDC is represented might depend on the interpretation of the course writer or an individual tutor**. From September 2022, all ITT courses need to address The Minimum Core for teacher training qualifications for the further education and skills sector in their programme which can eventually lead to Qualified Teacher in Learning and Skills (QTLS).

The Minimum Core aims to **focus on the core skills trainee teachers need in order to support learners with the necessary skills on their foundation, technical or academic course, and this updated version includes Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**.

The Professional standards for teachers and trainers was also updated in 2022 to support and inspire professional learning, and outlines 20 professional standards. Similar to the Minimum Core, there is no direct mention of citizenship or CDC. However, **two standards of professional values and attributes might have relevance to CDC: “Promote and embed Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) across learning and working practices” and “Value and champion diversity, equality of opportunity, inclusion and social equity”**. While the language of the two quoted documents differs from the language used in the RFCDC, aspects of CDC may be detected.