

National Professional Qualifications – Application Guidance

Applicants for all NPQ programmes are advised to take account of the following guidance in their application.

Sponsor details:

In reviewing applications, Vantage TSH will take particular note of who the role of the named sponsor as this person is best placed to make a judgement on applicants' suitability for the programme.

The purpose of the sponsor is to confirm that you are suitable for the programme and provide assurances that you will be supported in being able to access live training sessions and complete self-directed study.

Applicants should ensure they have the following sponsor:

- Specialist and Leadership NPQ programmes - Vice Principal or Headteacher
- Headteachers applying for an NPQ programme – Deputy CEO, CEO, Chair of Governors/Trust Board

Completing your application questions:

VTSH believes that workload reduction is everyone's responsibility. To that end we have suggested how an applicant might respond to the three application questions. **Applicant can copy, paste, add to and amend the example responses below.**

All applicants will need to respond to three applicant questions.

We strongly advise that responses to questions are bullet pointed and concise. **There is no requirement to meet the 300 word limit for each question.**

Q1. Please demonstrate your ability and commitment to undertake the NPQ Programme by describing your: a) Current role and b) Your previous in-school roles;

Suggested response:

-My current role which I have held for xx years is...

-I have responsibility for...

-These roles are relevant to the NPQ because improving the curriculum and the capacity for the quality of education in my school will support my development as a leader

-Anything else you want to share to support your application

Q2. What do you expect to gain from undertaking this course of study? How might it benefit you and your school?

Suggested responses...

I expect to gain the following from the NPQ:

-A detailed understanding of the best available evidence for leading improvement and applying this in my practice

-An understanding of the evidence of effective implementation to improve teacher development

-How to consider the context of my school when planning and implementing improvement activities.

3. Why have you chosen Education Development Trust for your chosen NPQ?

Suggested response...

Vantage TSH are the regional delivery partner for Education Development Trust NPQ programmes.