



**Professional
Conductors'
Association**

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Conductive Education (CE) is an applied system offering a transformative approach to teaching and learning. It aligns to principles of neuroplasticity, social learning and motivation theories and offers an exploration of human potential. Dr András Pető, the founder of CE, viewed individuals with neurological movement disorders w/holistically and therefore he developed an integrated, all-encompassing pedagogical approach. This was with the aim to enable people with damage to their central nervous system to learn to overcome the challenges they face. A key feature of CE is that change is possible.

The System of CE

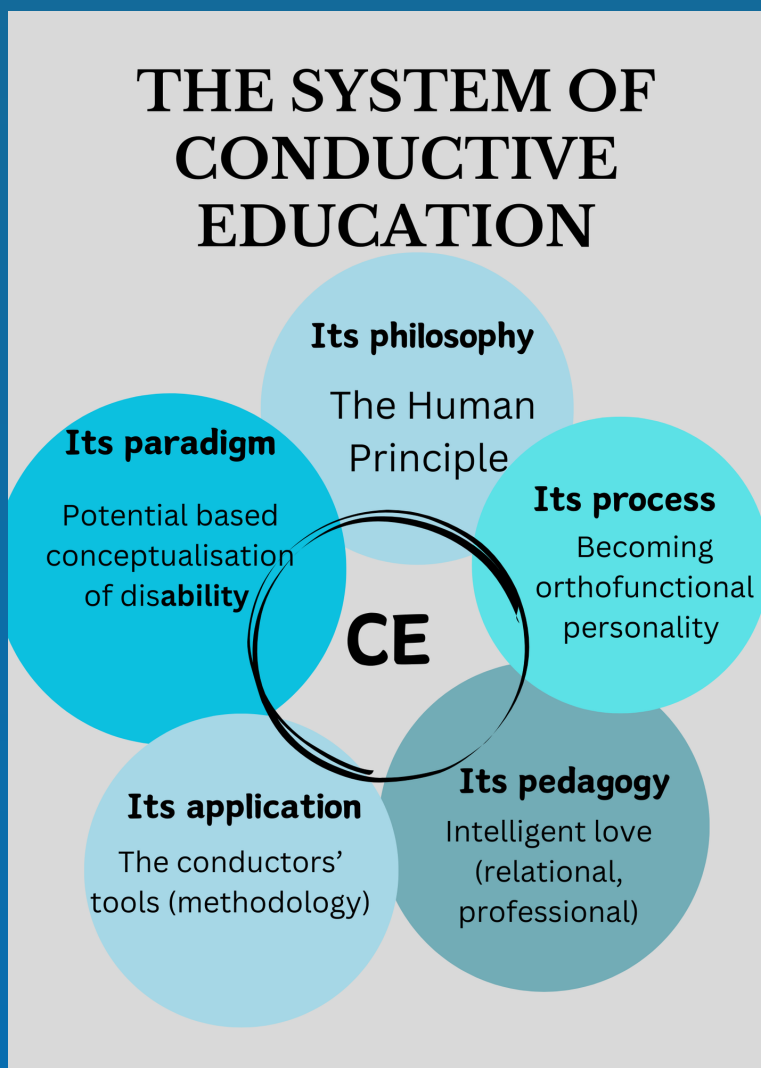


Figure 1 offers a visual tool of the applied system of CE showing it as a whole with its parts. The system of CE embodies its philosophy (the Human Principle), its paradigm (a potential-based conceptualisation of disability), its pedagogy (intelligent love), its process (becoming orthofunctional personality) and its application (the conductors' tools, the methodology).[1]

Figure 1 – The system of CE (Berger-Jones, 2025)

[1] For more on the history of CE: Berger-Jones, A. (2024) A narrative review of Conductive Education as a professional practice. Educational Futures, 15(2). [online]. [1] For more on the model: Berger-Jones, A. (2025) The system of CE and its parts (Part 1). Conductive College Journal, 2(1), pp. 23-32.

The Conductor

The lead practitioner of CE is called a conductor. Conductors are trained professionals with a university degree and a qualified conductor status[1]. Conductors' work in the UK, is guided by Professional Standards[2] and a Code of Practice[3]. Conductors are responsible for planning and delivering structured programmes aimed at stimulating motivation and learning in a safe and positive environment. This is achieved by using effective teaching strategies with an in-depth knowledge of the person and the impact of their condition on all areas of development (physical, emotional, communication, social, cognitive and educational). The conductor is trained to always build on abilities rather than focus on perceived limitations. As such a conductor has high, but realistic expectations relating to human potential. The conductor remains flexible, offering guidance to the group and/or individual/s whilst observing and modifying the session/day ensuring participants stay active in the learning process.[4]

The Delivery

Conductors are part of a heterogenous profession and the delivery of CE reflects this. In the UK, conductive education is delivered within a range of pedagogical and rehabilitation services for children, young people and adults[1].

Conductors work with a variety of conditions including but not limited to: cerebral palsy, stroke, Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis. CE is available on a full time, part time and sessional basis, this can be in a mode of face to face, hybrid or online delivery. Conductors work in the voluntary, business, education or the health sectors and therefore their work is regulated by national government, the local authority, their own settings' policies and by professional guidelines.

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[1] Learn more about becoming a conductor: <https://conductive-education.org.uk/training/undergraduate/> [1] Professional Standards for Conductors in the UK: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pca-ce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CEPEG_Standards_Document_2017.pdf](https://pca-ce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CEPEG_Standards_Document_2017.pdf) [1] Code of Practice: https://pca-ce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PCA_code_of_practice.pdf [1] Learn more about accredited training in CE and professional roles: <https://pca-ce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Accredited-Training-and-Professional-Roles-in-CE-PCA-Publication.pdf> [1] Find a CE provider: Professional Conductors Association (PCA UK).



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