Postgraduate Diploma in Education
2015

Students’ Perspectives

Hear what our PGDE graduates say:

"The teacher was really knowledgeable and passionate and provided excellent examples both in her teaching and in the lesson ideas/materials provided. Everything was relevant and I could immediately implement these ideas in my own classroom."

"The best thing about the course was the positive learning environment created by all course lecturers. To the best of their ability whenever possible they gave timely and constructive feedback that helped me make positive changes."

"I really enjoyed the way lessons were structured. There were ample opportunities for us to discuss and learn from our classmates. This course was exciting in many ways, definitely a ‘breath of fresh air’! Overall, I enjoyed this course a lot and I feel that it is a great first step in preparing me to become a teacher!"

Fees (Provisional)

Composition fees for the 2015-16 intake are as follows:

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<th>Local Students</th>
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<td>Full-time</td>
<td>HK$42,100</td>
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<td>HK$42,100</td>
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Caution money to pay with deposit

* Provisional
* For the purpose of admission of non-local students, “non-local students” are defined as persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with a student visa or entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration. For details, please visit the HKSAR Immigration Department website at http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas.htm or HKU CEDARS website at http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/campuslife/VisaMatters/VisaPolicy.php.

How to Apply?

Applications will be open as from December 1, 2014.

Application with a fee of HK$300, which is non-refundable and non-transferable, should be submitted online at http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/tpg

Application Deadline: January 2, 2015 (Friday)

Early submission of an application is highly encouraged.

Enquiries

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The information in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing but may be subject to change at any time. The Faculty reserves the right at all times to withdraw or change the courses as listed in this brochure.
The following are the major components of the Programme:

Outline of the Programme is primarily designed for serving teachers in Hong Kong schools under the guidance of a university teacher and a school mentor.

The Part-Time Programme (two years) is primarily designed for serving teachers. It covers the methods, skills and practices of teaching and the theoretical aspects of education. Course participants will without formal teaching experience. It emphasizes methods and practices of teaching and the same theoretical aspects of study as the full-time programme. Classes are usually held on two evenings per week in Year 1 and one evening per week in Year 2. However, some Major Methods teachers may schedule classes on Saturdays.

Why PGDE?

The Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programme prepares university graduates to teach in Hong Kong in sectors ranging from kindergarten to tertiary institutions. The programme is also relevant to teachers teaching in training institutes, community colleges and international schools. The PGDE is a teacher training qualification recognized by the Education Bureau of the HKSAR Government.

Applications are invited for the following Majors:

- English Language Education
- Chinese Language Education
- Mathematics Education
- Liberal Studies
- Personal, Social and Humanities Education
- Science Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Education

Applications are advised to visit the PGDE website for more detailed and the latest information available from early December 2014.

Key Learning Areas and Majors offered for September 2015 Intake

Applications are invited for the following Majors:

- Chinese Language Education
- English Language Education
- Mathematics Education
- Liberal Studies
- Personal, Social and Humanities Education
- Science Education
- Early Childhood Education

In-service teachers will be observed in their normal course of teaching.

Practical Teaching

An in-service teacher will be observed in their normal course of teaching.

Electives

The electives are provided to help participants develop their capability to teach in an area other than their Major subjects (such as Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, Liberal Studies and others) or to deepen their understanding of educational issues (such as global citizenship, classroom interaction, inclusive management, school-based management, technological applications in education, ways to enhance students’ well-being). The list of electives to be offered varies slightly from year to year.

Admission Requirements

For the Full-Time Programme:
- hold a Bachelor’s degree with honours of this University, or its equivalent
- have completed a substantial portion of their undergraduate studies in the major subject for which they wish to apply

For the Part-Time Programme:
- hold a Bachelor’s degree with honours of this University, or its equivalent
- have completed a substantial portion of their undergraduate studies in the major subject for which they wish to apply
- normally be serving teachers in Hong Kong schools with a minimum of one year of relevant teaching experience

Subject Test/Interview

- All applicants for the English Major (full-time and part-time) are required to take a written test on January 10, 2015 (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon at HKU (Please note that we cannot schedule the test to suit individual and also important that you make yourself available on that morning). Overseas applicants need to consider whether they will be able to attend the test before submission of their application. Shortlisted applicants are then required to attend a face-to-face interview at HKU.
- Shortlisted applicants, both local and non-local, for the Liberal Studies Major (full-time and part-time) are required to attend an interview at HKU. Overseas applicants need to consider whether they will be able to attend the interview(s) before January 10 – February 22, 2015. Overseas applicants without teaching experience will not be considered for the Special Education Major. In-service teachers, teaching in either special or mainstream schools are welcome to apply.
- Shortlisted applicants for all other Majors may be invited to attend a subject test and/or an interview.
- Details of tests and/or interview arrangements will be sent to individual applicants by email only.
- Please refer to the PGDE website for more details of the tentative test/interview schedule.

External Experience

Full-time students majoring in Chinese and English Language Education are required to participate in a compulsory immersion programme of 8-9 weeks (during October / November 2015) in Mainland China and Australia or another English speaking country, for a mixture of school experience, language study and cultural activities. Subject to confirmation by the HKSAR Government, a large part of the total immersion cost will be subsidized by the Government. Students are required to contribute the remaining costs. Financial assistance may be available from the Tertiary StudentFinance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) for eligible students.

Announcement of Results

Successful applicants will be notified of their PGDE admission results by email and will receive an official Offer of Admission enclosing a Notice of Admission statement.