# The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Education

# Postgraduate Diploma in Education

## Key Learning Area / Major: Science Education

- Biology (Full-time and Part-time)
- Chemistry (Full-time and Part-time)
- Physics (Full-time and Part-time)

#### **Biology**

The Biology major course aims to develop prospective biology teachers the followings:

- 1. a knowledge of changes that are taking place in biology education
- 2. an understanding of educational purposes of biology within the Science Key Learning Area that forms a part of the Hong Kong school curriculum
- 3. an understanding of problems that pupils face in learning biology and seeing ways to minimize difficulties
- 4. an understanding of principles and strategies of planning a biology course appropriate to both classroom and laboratory work
- 5. an ability to use a variety of approaches to promote and assess learning
- 6. a knowledge of the structure of the Hong Kong biology curriculum, and design principles behind it
- 7. an ability and a disposition to reflect upon their own practice

### Chemistry

The Chemistry major course aims to develop prospective chemistry teachers the followings:

- 1. a knowledge of changes that are taking place in chemistry education
- 2. an understanding of educational purposes of chemistry within the Science Key Learning Area that forms a part of the Hong Kong school curriculum
- 3. an understanding of problems that pupils face in learning chemistry and seeing ways to minimize difficulties
- 4. an understanding of principles and strategies of planning a chemistry course appropriate to both classroom and laboratory work
- 5. an ability to use a variety of approaches to promote and assess learning
- 6. a knowledge of the structure of the Hong Kong chemistry curriculum, and design principles behind it
- 7. an ability and a disposition to reflect upon their own practice

### **Physics**

The Physics major course aims to develop prospective physics teachers the followings:

- 1. a knowledge of changes that are taking place in physics education
- 2. an understanding of educational purposes of physics within the Science Key Learning Area that forms a part of the Hong Kong school curriculum
- 3. an understanding of problems that pupils face in learning physics and seeing ways to minimize difficulties
- 4. an understanding of principles and strategies of planning a physics course appropriate to both classroom and laboratory work
- 5. an ability to use a variety of approaches to promote and assess learning
- 6. a knowledge of the structure of the Hong Kong physics curriculum, and design principles behind it
- 7. an ability and a disposition to reflect upon their own practice