

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)

PGDE(S)| A1P015 (1-year Full-time)/
C2P037 (2-year Part-time)

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Programme Aims

This programme prepares university graduates to become competent and confident teachers in secondary schools in Hong Kong. It provides opportunities for participants to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of fully qualified secondary school teachers, together with an understanding of the responsibilities and obligations expected of members of the teaching profession. In addition, the programme seeks to foster a commitment of the participants to their students and to lifelong professional development.



Programme Structure*

This programme is delivered in two different modes: One-year Full-time (FT PGDE(S)) and Two-year Part-time (PT PGDE(S)). It is a modularised programme consisting of 30-33 credit points (cps). Participants of FT PGDE(S) are normally required to attend classes during the week (Monday to Saturday) with some evening sessions. Participants of PT PGDE(S) are normally required to attend two/three 3-hour/4-hour classes per week, on weekday evening(s) starting from 6:30 p.m. and Saturday morning and/or afternoon in Tai Po Campus/Tseung Kwan O Study Centre/North Point Study Centre/Kowloon Tong Satellite Study Centre and/or Sports Centre as decided by the University. The programme comprises a programme orientation and the following components:

Major Subject Studies - Subject Methods*	6/9 cps
Education Studies	12 cps
Elective Studies - Core and General*	6/9 cps
Field Experience	6 cps

* Participants majoring in English will study 9 cps of Major Subject Studies, 3 cps of Elective Studies (Core) and 3 cps of Elective Studies (General). Participants of History Major will study 6 cps of Major Subject Studies 6 cps of Elective Studies (Core) and 3 cps of Elective Studies (General). Participants of Design and Technology & Home Economics/Technology and Living Major will study 6 cps of Major Subject Studies, 9 cps of Elective Studies (Core), and as a result, they are not required to take Elective Studies (General) course.

* Subject to change owing to the curriculum review. Applicants should refer to the PGDE(S) admission website for updated information.

Programme Curriculum*

Major Subject Studies – Subject Methods

Participants are required to take one subject as Major Subject Studies, which should normally be the major subject in their degree studies (please refer to the entrance requirements for details). Subject to sufficient demand, the following subjects may be offered in the 2024/25 academic year:

Major Subject Studies (MSS)

- Chinese
- Design and Technology
- English
- History (for FT mode only)
- Home Economics/Technology and Living
- Information Technology (for PT mode only)
- Physical Education (for FT mode only)
- Science (for PT mode only)
- Visual Arts (for FT mode only)

Immersion Programme

To enhance the English proficiency of participants, a compulsory immersion programme will be arranged normally in Semester 1 for FT PGDE(S) participants who choose English as their MSS. Details of the immersion programme will be announced after the commencement of the full-time programme.

IT Competency in Education (ITCE)

Before graduation, participants are required to:

- 1) pass all the required courses in the programme to demonstrate the attainment of ITCE; and
- 2) complete and pass the IT e-Portfolio (ITeP) or Student Teacher Education Program (STEP) or Artificial Intelligence Literacy (AIL) program for graduation.



For detailed information, please refer to www.eduhk.hk/mit/itce/

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese and/or English. Applicant's adequate proficiency in both Chinese and English is required. Participants will be required to take 25% (about 6 credit points) of the total programme credit points (excluding those for the Field Experience course) through the medium of English. English major participants are required to take all courses through the medium of English, if available.

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Tuition Fee

The tuition fees listed below are provisional and subject to adjustment:

Full-time PGDE Programmes	Part-time PGDE Programmes
Local students: HK\$42,100 per annum	Local students: HK\$21,050 per annum
Non-local students*: HK\$145,000 per annum	Non-local students*: HK\$72,500 per annum

* Starting from the 2019/20 intake cohort, a new definition of Non-local Students (NLS) has been adopted in accordance with the HKSAR Government policy. For details, please refer to the website (www.apply.eduhk.hk/pgde/fees).



Extension fees will be charged to participants who have to extend their studies beyond the normal duration. Full-time participants who choose English as their Major Subject Studies will be required to attend an Immersion Programme. This is a compulsory part of the programme which is heavily subsidised by the University and by other sources of funding. However, participants are required to contribute part of the cost.

Entrance Requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants should normally:

1. hold a recognised Bachelor's degree with a major in a discipline relevant to their chosen Major Subject Studies*, or equivalent;
2. have passed the admission interview/subject test(s) and/or language test(s), where required; and
3. be serving teachers in local Secondary Schools (for PT PGDE(S)).

*1. Applicants for English who do not hold a degree majoring in English are also welcome to apply.

*2. Applicants for Design and Technology should normally hold a degree in creative media and design/engineering/computer science/information technology or other related disciplines in design and technology. Other applicants who do not hold a degree majoring in any of the above may also be considered.

*3. Applicants for Home Economics/Technology and Living should normally hold a degree in Food and Nutrition Science / Fashion, Clothing and Textiles / Health or other related disciplines in Home Economics/Technology and Living. Other applicants who do not hold a degree majoring in any of the above may also be considered.

Teaching Requirements for Field Experience

The medium of instruction in the vast majority of Hong Kong schools is Cantonese and/or English. Participants are required to possess a proficient level of language skills (oral, listening and written) to enable them to perform the duties during Field Experience.

For Full-time PGDE(S) Participants

Full-time participants will be arranged to undertake 4[#] and 8 weeks of full-time block practice in Semester One and Two respectively in local Secondary Schools. The teaching load is normally 8-10 periods per week/per 5 to 7-day cycle in Semester One and 10-12 periods per week/per 5 to 7-day cycle in Semester Two.

[#] except that participants who have chosen English as their Major Subject Studies will take part in the compulsory immersion programme in Semester One.

For Part-time PGDE(S) Participants

The part-time programme is primarily designed for serving teachers. Participants in the programme are required to fulfill the following teaching requirements for Field Experience:

1. About teaching periods

- (a) For participants having a full-time teaching post in secondary schools^{note 1}

They are required to have a minimum of 4 periods^{note 2} per week/per 5 to 7-day cycle for the chosen subject during the course of study in the programme.

- (b) For participants without a relevant teaching post

They are required to make own arrangements to undertake 6 consecutive weeks of full-time block practice in secondary schools^{note 1} during the FE supervision period^{note 3} in each FE and teach at least 8 periods^{note 2} per week/per 5 to 7-day cycle for the chosen subject throughout the block practice period.

2. About class setting and class size

All participants are required to conduct teaching/teaching practice in regular class settings with a minimum 10 pupils in a class^{note 4}.

3. About teaching mode

All participants are required to conduct teaching/teaching practice in simulated mode, virtual mode (synchronous and/or asynchronous modes) and authentic mode of classroom teaching as required by the programme/subject. In case of prolonged class suspension that the requirements of the authentic mode of classroom teaching cannot be fulfilled, an Extended School Attachment will need to be arranged.

Note 1: It refers to local Secondary Schools adopting local secondary school curriculum.

Note 2: Each period normally refers to a 30-40 minutes duration.

Note 3: FE Supervision period is normally from November to early May of the academic year.

Note 4: For special schools, the minimum number of pupils in a class is 8 according to the actual class size.

Other subject specific teaching requirements

Science:

i. Class level requirement:

Participants of Science major are required to teach relevant Science subject at senior secondary level (i.e. S3 to S6 level) for at least half of the periods per week/per 5 to 7-day cycle in each FE.

ii. Relevant subjects to teach for Field Experience include:

- Biology for Biology-focus participants
- Physics for Physics-focus participants
- Chemistry for Chemistry-focus participants