

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

Applications are invited for admission in September 2026 to the one-year full-time and the two-year part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programme.

Programme Aim

The PGDE programme prepares university graduates to teach in Hong Kong. The PGDE is a teacher training qualification recognized by the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

Admissions Requirements

A candidate shall satisfy both the University Admissions Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below.

All candidates shall:

1. comply with the [General Regulations](#) and the [Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula](#);
2. hold a Bachelor's degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
3. normally be expected to have completed a substantial portion of their undergraduate studies in the major subject for which they wish to apply.

In addition,

4. a part-time applicant shall normally be a serving teacher in Hong Kong schools with a minimum of one year of relevant teaching experience;
5. a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b) having:
 - a) a score of 80 or above (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)[#]; or
 - b) a minimum overall band of 6 with no sub-test lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)[#]; or
 - c) grade C or above in either the Overseas General Certificate of Education, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education, or the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language.
6. all candidates shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.

Applications for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

[#] For admission, IELTS and TOEFL tests must be taken within two years prior to September 1 of each admissions year. TOEFL Home Edition or IELTS Online are not accepted.

Majors offered for September 2026 Intake

- Chinese Language Education^{1,2,3}
 - Chinese (Primary) (full-time and part-time)
 - Chinese (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- English Language Education^{1,2}
 - English (Primary) (full-time and part-time)
 - English (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- Mathematics Education
 - Mathematics (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- Early Childhood Education (full-time and part-time)
- Geography (full-time and part-time)
- Science Education

¹ Subject to the availability of government funding, full-time students in the Chinese and English Language Education majors are required to participate in a compulsory six-week Experiential Learning non-local immersion programme in a Putonghua or English speaking context respectively during Semester One 2026.

² Applicants can refer to the Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research on Language Teacher Education and Qualifications at <<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/teacher/qualification-training-development/training/language-edu/index.html>>. PGDE students majoring in relevant language subjects are recognised by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) as having fulfilled the "Language Major Teacher Training" requirement.

³ English is used as the medium of instruction in all courses except Chinese Methods courses, which are taught in Chinese.

⁴ Special Education Major is offered in part-time mode only. In-service teachers and/or professionals teaching and providing services to students with special educational needs primarily in either special or mainstream schools in Hong Kong are eligible to apply.

- Science (Primary) (part-time only)
- Science (Secondary) (Majors in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) (full-time and part-time)
- Special Education⁴ (part-time only)

Please visit the [PGDE website](#) for the programme structure and course outlines.

[Subject Test/Interview](#)

Applicants who are shortlisted may be invited to attend a subject test and/or an interview and will be informed by email (at least one day before the interview). Applicants are advised to check their email for confirmed arrangements.

[Composition Fee](#)

Please visit the [PGDE website](#) for the latest information.

[Submission of Application](#)

Your application including a fee of HK\$600, which is non-refundable and non-transferable, should be submitted online at <https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-details?programme=postgraduate-diploma-in-education-edu>. Please refer to the [PGDE website](#) for the application deadline. Early submission is highly encouraged.

- * Please submit **one** application with a complete set of supporting documents for **each** Major applied for
(*Note: Different study mode/study streams of the same Major are regarded as two programmes*).
- * Applicants are **not** allowed to transfer from the chosen Major subject, study mode or study stream of the chosen Major once an online application has been submitted.

[Submission of Supporting Documents](#)

After submission of an online application, you are required to **upload the supporting documents** by logging on to <https://sweb.hku.hk/tola/servlet/CreateUserScreen/loginForm> by the application deadline or within four weeks from the date of creation of your account, whichever is earlier. Posting of documents is not required at the application stage. Please refer to the “**Instructions for Submitting Supporting Documents**” for details. Should an applicant be considered for admission, he/she will receive an email notification from the PGDE Programme Office to submit the required documents. Please note that our request to submit documents does not necessarily mean that you will receive an offer of admission.

[Announcement of Results](#)

Successful applicants will be notified of the admission results by **email** and will receive an official Offer of Admission enclosing a Notice of Admission statement. Applicants who do not hear from the Faculty of Education by June 30, 2026 may assume their application unsuccessful. No individual notifications will be sent.

[Enquiry](#)

Admissions hotline: 3917 2544 / Email: pgdedu@hku.hk.

The Faculty reserves the right to suspend the offering of any Major if the number of applications makes it insufficient to form a class. In the event that a Major is suspended, applicants may have their deposit refunded.