



Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich)

A leading national university providing services to education

With approximately 1800 students and more than 6000 continuing professional development participants a year, the Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich) is one of Switzerland's largest teacher education institutions and a leading centre of expertise for schools, teachers and educational authorities. The university's approximately 700 employees generate and transform knowledge for schools as well as for public and private sector organisations. Due especially to the high quality of its research, the PH Zurich is involved in various national and international networks. The services of the PH Zurich include education, training, research and additional services such as consulting and international development projects.

Our services – hands-on, innovative, excellent

Initial teacher education

The PH Zurich prepares students to become teachers in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. An outstanding feature of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes is the high proportion of practical teaching experience, which prepares prospective teachers for the schools of today and the future. From their first week of studies, students are introduced to a school class, and they spend almost a third of their entire studies in partner schools and in teaching practice. The degree programmes can be attended on a full- or part-time basis. Education for middle school and vocational teachers is provided by the PH Zurich in collaboration with the University of Zurich and the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) at the Zurich University Institute for Teacher Education (ZHSE).

Continuing professional development

The PH Zurich offers continuing development courses that support teachers in all phases of their career. It thus contributes to professionalisation and enables teachers to optimise their skills, whether for purposes of specialisation or to prepare for an educational leadership position. Options include the Master of Advanced Studies (MAS), Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS), and other modules and courses.

Research

Research at the PH Zurich supports the dialogue between science, research and practice in schools. Our researchers are involved in many national and international research projects. Educational research at the PH Zurich is carried out by seven thematically focused research groups with an interdisciplinary orientation. There are also development projects, for example in the field of materials development.

Support services

The PH Zurich provides students, teachers, schools, authorities and educational administrators with support via the following four enterprises: the publishing house Verlag Pestalozzianum, the Learning Media Shop, the Information Centre and the Conference Centre Schloss Au.

Professional development, counselling and training

Through individual counselling and team-based professional development, more than 40 experts support teachers, administrators, authorities, schools and school districts in their daily work, in difficult and encumbering situations and in development processes.

International development projects

The International Projects in Education (IPE) Transfer Centre provides educational services and support to public and private sector organisations working in developing, threshold and transition countries, thus helping to promote democracy and fight poverty in many parts of the world.

Our campus – in the centre of Zurich

The PH Zurich campus is spread over 19 locations in Zurich. The main section of the campus is located in the Zurich university quarter, in close proximity to the University of Zurich and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich. After the move in 2012 to the PH Zurich campus close to Zurich's main station, all the PH Zurich's services will be concentrated in the heart of Zurich.

Teaching

The PH Zurich's infrastructure includes classrooms with modern equipment, staff offices, study rooms for students, state-of-the-art information technology, the Information Centre with several libraries, and catering facilities.

Exercise and sport

PH Zurich students are entitled to use the sport facilities of the University of Zurich (ASVZ).

Leisure

Recreational opportunities in Switzerland's largest city include not only its lake, but also many cultural attractions, excursions and other activities.

Facts and figures

History

The PH Zurich was founded on 3rd October 2002 through the merger of eleven former teacher training colleges in the canton of Zurich.

Partnerships

As a member of the Zurich Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts (ZFH) the PH Zurich works closely with the other universities in this network, with the University of Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) and the members of the International University of Lake Constance (IBH). At international level, the PH Zurich collaborates with more than 50 universities in about 30 countries worldwide.

Statistics

- 1800 students in initial teacher education
- 350 students graduate each year with teaching diplomas
- 6000 participants in continuing professional development
- 12 000 participants in counselling and in-school professional development
- 80 ongoing research and development projects
- 450 employees in the academic personnel (300 FTE)
- 45 professors and senior lecturers
- 250 employees in administrative, technical and operational functions (190 FTE)

Study programmes

Initial teacher education study programmes

Full time degree programme	School level	Age	Degree/Qualification	Usual study period	ECTS points
Pre-primary	Kindergarden	4 – 6	Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Primary Education	6 semesters	180
Pre-primary	Kindergarden + 1 st –3 rd class	4 – 8	Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Primary and Primary Education	6 semesters	180
Primary	1 st –6 th class	7 – 12	Bachelor of Arts	6 semesters	180
Secondary I	7 th –9 th class	13 – 15	Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts	6 semesters plus 3 semesters	180 + 90
Secondary II	9 th –12 th class	16 – 18	Teaching Certificate	At least 3 semesters *	60 *

* Teacher training at the Zurich University Institute for Teacher Education (ZHSF) on successful completion of a university degree programme in an academic subject.

Continuing professional development study programmes

Study programme	Qualification	Requirements	ECTS points
MAS in Educational Management	Master of Advanced Studies	3 Certificate of Advanced Studies courses and graduation procedure including diploma project	60
MAS in Educational Innovation	Master of Advanced Studies	3 Certificate of Advanced Studies courses and graduation procedure including diploma project	60