Applications are invited for admission in September 2018 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 HKSAR Government.

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

1. comply with the General Regulations (http://www.handbook.hku.hk/tpg/2017/appendices/Appendix_A.html) and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula (http://www.handbook.hku.hk/tpg/2017/appendices/Appendix_B.html);
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. have completed a substantial portion of his/her undergraduate studies in the major subject for which he/she wishes to apply;
4. normally be a serving teacher in Hong Kong schools with a minimum of one year of relevant teaching experience (for part-time applicants only);
5. satisfy the University English language requirement as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English:
   a) a score of 550 or above (paper-based test) or 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 subtest lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
   c) grade C or above in the Overseas General Certificate of Education, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education, or the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language.
6. satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.

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

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*For admission, only TOEFL / IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.*

**Majors offered for September 2018 Intake**

- **Chinese Language Education**
  - Chinese (Primary) (full-time and part-time)
  - Chinese (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- **English Language Education**
  - English (Primary) (full-time and part-time)
  - English (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- **Mathematics Education**
  - Mathematics (Secondary) (full-time and part-time)
- **Liberal Studies** (full-time only)
- **Early Childhood Education** (full-time and part-time)
- **Economics** (full-time only)
- **Science Education** (Majors in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) (full-time only)
- **Special Education** (part-time only)

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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 immersion programme during October/November 2018.

2 Serving language teachers may apply for grants under the Professional Development Incentive Grant Scheme for Language Teachers <http://www.language-education.com>. PGDE students majoring in relevant language subjects are recognized by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) as having fulfilled “Language Major Teacher Training”.

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

4 Emphasis given to primary or secondary education in the chosen stream should not confine you to teaching only within that context.
Please visit the PGDE website <http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/pgde> for the programme structure and course outlines.

**Subject Test/Interview**

- Discipline-specific arrangements:
  - **English Major**: shortlisted full-time applicants and all part-time applicants who submit applications by January 5, 2018 (Friday) are required to take a written test on January 13, 2018 (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon at HKU (Please note that we cannot schedule the test to suit individuals so it is 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.
  - **Liberal Studies Major (full-time)**: Shortlisted applicants, both local and non-local, are required to attend a face-to-face interview at HKU. Overseas applicants need to consider whether they will be able to attend interview(s) during January 13 - 27, 2018.
  - **Special Education Major**: This Major is offered in part-time mode only. In-service teachers and/or professionals teaching and providing services to students with special educational needs in either special or mainstream schools in Hong Kong are eligible to apply.
- Shortlisted applicants for all other Majors may be invited to attend a subject test and/or an interview. The initial round of interviews for most of the Majors may be held during January 11 - 31, 2018.
- Details of tests and/or interview arrangements will be sent to shortlisted applicants by email only.
- Please refer to the PGDE website for more details of the tentative test/interview schedule.

**Composition Fee (Provisional)**

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Candidates are required to pay a non-refundable deposit on acceptance of offer of admission:
- for FT candidates, HK$21,050 for local students and HK$80,500 for non-local students△
- for PT candidates, HK$10,525 for local students and HK$40,250 for non-local students△
- Successful candidates are also required to pay caution money of HK$350 with the deposit.

△ For the purpose of admission of non-local students, “non-local students” should be defined as persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with a student visa or entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration.

* Provisional

**Submission of Application**

Your application with a fee of HK$300, which is non-refundable and non-transferable, should be submitted online at http://www.hku.hk/tpg (from 12:00 noon, December 1, 2017). Early submission of an application is highly encouraged.

**Application deadline:** 12:00 noon, January 5, 2018 (Friday)

* 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**

Please DO NOT upload your supporting documents to the online application system. Please refer to “Supporting Documents” and follow the instructions.

**Our postal address:**
Faculty of Education, Room 420, 4/F., Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong [Please mark “PGDE” and the “Major subject applied (FT/PT)”) on the envelope].

**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 by post. Applicants who do not hear from the Faculty of Education by June 30, 2018 may assume their application unsuccessful. No individual notifications will be sent.

**Enquiry** - Admissions hotline: 3917 5413 / Email: pgdeadm@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.

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