

Application to Professional Teacher Education institutions

Professional Teacher Education

Admission criteria in short in 2025

Application period: 8 January to 22 January 2025. Fill out the application form on Studyinfo.fi. Application period ends on 22 January 2025 at 15.00 (EET). The complete admission criteria can be found from Studyinfo -service from 31 October 2024.

Eligibility requirements in short:

- Applicants who seek qualification as vocational subject teachers are required to have a Bachelor's degree and three years of professional work experience corresponding to the degree on which the application is based.
- Applicants who seek qualification as vocational subject teachers in the field of Social Services and Health are required to have a UAS Bachelor's degree and five years of work experience in tasks corresponding to the content of the tertiary degree OR a Master's degree and three years of professional work experience corresponding to the degree on which the application is based. (Please note: A Bachelor's degree in the field of Social Services and Health which has been completed in a university – as opposed to a UAS – does not grant eligibility to apply for Professional Teacher Education).
- Applicants from the field of dance or circus are required to have a tertiary level degree or three years of relevant studies, and artistic or other professional experience from the field. In the application process to Professional Teacher Education, three years of professional work experience in the field is considered to correspond to this requirement.
- Applicants who seek qualification as general subject teachers are in most cases required to have a relevant Master's degree; no professional work experience is required.
- The requirement concerning the relevant tertiary level degree can be disregarded only if the applicant is acting as a vocational subject teacher during the application period and if section 13, subsection 2, of the Act 986/1998 applies. In such a case, five years of professional work experience is required.

Student selection based on the national admission point scoring system

The selection procedure is based on a national admission point scoring system. Applicants are admitted to the programme in the rank order of their total admission points within each admission group. Admission groups are based on fields of education (programme in Finnish) and separate admission groups. The maximum total admission points are 37. The degree and work experience required for eligibility will not be considered under the admission point scoring system.

Criteria in the admission point scoring system

Other completed degrees

Degrees completed in addition to the degree required for eligibility; max. 2 degrees

Completed degree:	Admission points:
No other degrees held in addition to the degree required for eligibility	0 points.
1 completed degree	4 points.
2 completed degrees	8 points.

Basic studies in educational sciences

Basic studies in educational sciences:	Admission points:
Not completed	0 points.
Completed	10 points.

Further education

Studies completed since 1 January 2018 can be considered; each individual course of education has to be at least 1 ECTS, 1 competence point or 27 hours in scope

Sum of completed credits:	Admission points:
less than 1 ECTS	0 points.

1 to 3 ECTS	0,5 points.
4 to 7 ECTS	1 point.
8 to 11 ECTS	1,5 points.
12 to 15 ECTS	2 points.
16 to 19 ECTS	2,5 points.
20 to 23 ECTS	3 points.
24 to 27 ECTS	3,5 points.
28 ECTS or more	4 points.

Teaching experience from official educational institutions

Part-time teaching can be converted into full-time teaching

Experience in months:	Admission points:
less than 2 months	0 points.
2 to 5 months	1 point.
over 5 to 10 months	2 points.
over 10 to 15 months	3 points.
over 15 to 20 months	4 points.
over 20 months	5 points.

Teaching experience from vocational education in Finland since 1 January 2023

At least 5 months of teaching experience from a Finnish vocational upper secondary school and/or a University of Applied Sciences

Experience in months:	Admission points:
Less than 5 months or no teaching experience from vocational upper secondary schools and/or Universities of Applied Sciences since 1 January 2023	0 points.
At least 5 months of teaching experience from vocational upper secondary schools and/or Universities of Applied Sciences since 1 January 2023	10 points.

Rank order in the selection between applicants with the same admission point score

If two or more applicants have the same admission point score, the criteria below, which have been agreed upon by the Professional Teacher Education institutions, will be applied:

1. First preference for admission
2. Teaching experience from vocational education in Finland since 1 January 2023, yes
3. Teaching experience from official educational institutions, over 20 months
4. Teaching experience from official educational institutions, over 15 to 20 months
5. Teaching experience from official educational institutions, over 10 to 15 months
6. Teaching experience from official educational institutions, over 5 to 10 months
7. Teaching experience from official educational institutions, over 2 to 5 months
8. Basic studies in educational sciences, completed
9. Other completed degrees, two degrees
10. Other completed degrees, one degree
11. Further education, 28 ECTS or more
12. Further education, 24 to 27 ECTS
13. Further education, 20 to 23 ECTS
14. Further education, 16 to 19 ECTS
15. Further education, 12 to 15 ECTS
16. Further education, 8 to 11 ECTS
17. Further education, 4 to 7 ECTS
18. Further education, 1 to 3 ECTS

If the student selection is not finalized based on the aforementioned criteria, a random computer-generated selection will be employed.