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Step info session




STEP PROGRAMME

Programme for Subject Teacher Education

Extent 60 credits, one year of full-time studies


Minor subject, attached always in the Master's degree



SUBJECT TEACHERS

Finnish comprehensive schools (*peruskoulu*, grades 3-9, age groups 9-16)

Finnish upper-secondary schools (*lukio*, grades 10-12, age groups 16-18)



STATUTE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBJECT TEACHERS

The qualification requirements for teaching personnel in Finland are stipulated in Decrees No. 986/1998 and 865/2005

Requirements:

Master's level degree

Sufficient and right kind of university studies in the teaching subject(s)

Pedagogical studies

STUDIES

The Faculty certifies that the future teacher has taken sufficient and right kind of studies in the teaching subject

Certification is called Equivalency certificate/statement in the degree certificate

60 credits in every subject for comprehensive school

120 credits in one subject for upper-secondary school in one subject and 60 credits in others



STUDIES IN THE DEGREES

120 credit subject is usually the main subject

Usually degree consists one 120 credit + one 60 credit subject



SUITABLE SUBJECTS IN STEP

The STEP Programme offers pedagogical studies for the following school subjects in the comprehensive and upper secondary schools in Finland:

English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish (as the other national language)

Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics

Intake: 17 degree students, 8 non-degree students with an existing master level degree.



IMPORTANT APPLICATION ROUND DATES

Application round: 9 February - 4 March

Deadline for attachments: 18 March

Invitations for interviews: 7 April

Interviews for STEP: 10 May at 9 am – 4 pm

Results: 16 June

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Applications and attachments

REQUIRED ATTACHEMENTS

Degree students

Background information form with a photo

Language Proficiency Certificate

Non-degree students

Equivalency Certificate of 60 credits in on school subject

Master level degree/Recognition of a foreign degree by NAE



INVITATIONS TO INTERVIEW

By email on 7 April 2022

Every applicant receives an email



INTERVIEWS

The maximum number of applicants to be invited to an interview is about 1.5 times the number of students to be admitted to the Programme in both selection quotas, ie. quotas for degree students and non-degree students.

The purpose of the interview is to evaluate the applicant's suitability to work as a teacher, in other words, the interview is an aptitude test. The **educability**, **motivation**, and **commitment** of the applicant are the criteria (=subcategories) evaluated.



INTERVIEWS

Aurora Building, Siltavuorenpenger 10.

Lasts 15 minutes

Two interviewers

Organised in English on 10 May 2022



WHO ARE INVITED TO THE INTERVIEW

If there are more applicants than 1.5 times:

The greatest amount of credits obtained during an autumn term (1 August - 31 December) during her/his studies at the university of Helsinki.

POINTS GIVEN

Educability, motivation, and commitment

25 points each x interviewers = maximum
150 points

The points given by the interviewers are not absolute values but they only reflect the person's relative standing among all the applicants.

In other words, even a low score does not mean that a person is unsuitable to become a teacher.



FINAL RESULTS

Email on 16 June 2022

Degree students do not have to accept the offered study place, it is added automatically as a minor subject in SISU



INFORMATION SESSIONS

Attend when you know that you will start your studies

In June and in August

QUESTIONS

Related to application process: hakijapalvelut@helsinki.fi or admissions@helsinki.fi

Related to studies: siltavuori-student@helsinki.fi