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STEP Info Session



STEP PROGRAMME

SUBJECT TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME =
PEDAGOGICAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH

SUITABLE SCHOOL 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 HU degree students, 8 non-degree students with an existing master level degree.

Applicants must have an Equivalency Certificate or study right at HU in one of the subjects listed above




STEP PROGRAMME

Programme for Subject Teacher Education

Extent 60 credits, one year of full-time studies. 1 credit is about 27 hours of work. 1 credit = 1 ECTS credit.

Degree students: minor subject, attached always to the Master's degree

Non-degree students: additional studies after 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)

Teaches one or several school subjects.

(Class teachers work on grades 1-6.)

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 (*ylempi korkeakoulututkinto*)
- Sufficient and right kind of university studies in the teaching subject(s) >> demonstrated by an Equivalency Statement in the Master's degree, separate certificate or NAE decision.
- Programme in Pedagogical studies 60 cr.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

Non-degree students:

- 1) master level degree
- 2) equivalency certificate
- 3) sufficient knowledge of English



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

Degree students:

- 1) study right in an appropriate study programme on a bachelor level
- 2) sufficient knowledge of English



NON-DEGREE APPLICANTS: MASTER LEVEL DEGREES

Finnish university degrees

Finnish higher polytechnic/AMK/university of applied sciences degrees

All foreign degrees recognised must by the National Agency for Education (= *opetushallitus*, *oph.fi*) as Master level degrees (= "*rinnastetaan ylempään korkeakoulutututkintoon*")

NON-DEGREE APPLICANTS: EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

The appropriate faculty certifies that the future teacher has taken sufficient and right kind of studies in her/his teaching subject(s)

Certification is called an "Equivalency Certificate" (=opetettavan aineen vastaavuustodistus). It can also be a statement in a degree certificate or in a NAE certificate.

60 credits in every teaching subject for comprehensive schools

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

Helsinki:

Languages: metsatalo-student@helsinki.fi

Science: kumpula-student@helsinki.fi



NON-DEGREE APPLICANTS: EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

ALL STUDIES ARE TAKEN AT A UNIVERSITY,
UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES DO NOT OFFER
APPROPRIATE STUDIES

THE STUDIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE A PART OF A
DEGREE, OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDIES WILL DO

DEGREE
APPLICANTS:
SUITABLE
BACHELOR LEVEL
PROGRAMMES

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

Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics

DEGREE AND NON-
DEGREE
APPLICANTS:
SUFFICIENT
KNOWLEDGE OF
ENGLISH

All the possible ways:

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/admissions-and-education/apply-supplementary-studies/studies-providing-qualifications-teacher-professions/pedagogical-studies-english-step>



IMPORTANT DATES

Application round: 29 February 2024 - 14 March 2024, 3 pm

Deadline for attachments: 28 March 2024, 3 pm

Invitations for interviews: 8 April 2024

Interviews for STEP: Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 9 am – 4 pm

Results: 31 May 2024



STUDYINFO.FI

Applications and attachments

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Degree students:

- Background information form with a photo
- Language Proficiency Certificate (if necessary)

Non-degree students:

- Background information form with a photo
- Equivalency Certificate of at least 60 credits on a school subject listed
- Master level degree/Recognition of a foreign degree by NAE
- Language Proficiency Certificate (if necessary)



INVITATIONS TO INTERVIEW

By email on 8 April 2024

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.



I INTERVIEWS

Aurora Building, Siltavuorenpenger 10.

Lasts 20-30 minutes

Two interviewers

Organised in English on 7 May 2024

Online interviews are not possible!

WHO ARE INVITED TO THE INTERVIEW

If there are more applicants than 1.5 times
(not likely):

Degree students

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

Non-degree students:

Extent and amount of teaching subjects

POINTS GIVEN

Selection Criteria: Educability, motivation, and commitment = 3 subcategories

25 points each x 2 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 31 May 2024

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

Non-degree students must accept the offered study place in Studyinfo.fi by 16 June 2024.



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