



# Master's Degree Programme in Teaching and Learning

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For those students passionate in pursuing their master's studies in teaching and learning, this two year master's degree course which is based at the Vasa campus of Åbo Akademi University, leads to a Finnish Teacher's Certificate. The programme will prepare and enable students to become fully capable of independently analyzing and solving problems in education and teaching, whilst developing their skills through research.

Taking a largely research-based approach, studies in this course are combined with research in some way. With an emphasis on didactics, this programme aims to provide students with the pedagogical capabilities required for teaching assignments in primary and secondary education. Preparing students to be able to teach the relevant curriculum subjects for their chosen age range, the students will carry out a series of school-based tasks which link theory with practice and allow time for reflection. Students of this programme can look forward to learning the core values of Finnish teacher's education, including understand the holistic development of children, positive teacher/learner interaction, as well as the importance of synergizing the relationship between theory and practice.

Orientated towards teaching assignments in primary and secondary education, this programme also provides

general pedagogical qualifications to teach at any level of education as well as attend to their students' academic and socio-economic growth. Skills learned throughout this course also include qualities to be reflective teachers who understand research-based evidence and thinking and it's relation to education. Successful completion of this programme will result in students being awarded with a Finnish Teacher's Certificate.

## Career prospects

This programme aims to prepare students to become experts in the areas of teaching and learning, in diverse educational environments with a specific focus on primary and secondary education.

Graduates of this master's programme may continue to work as, educators (primary and secondary), education experts, education consultants as well as other education-related jobs.

After completion of this programme, students can pursue postgraduate studies for the Doctorate of Philosophy at Åbo Akademi. The master graduates are eligible to apply for a position in the University's Graduate School as well as other doctoral programmes within Finnish Higher Education Institutions.