Application to Professional Teacher Education institutions
Professional Teacher Education
Admission criteria in short in 2027

Application period: 7 January to 21 January 2027. Application period ends on 21 January 2027 at 15.00 (EET). Fill out the application form at Studyinfo.fi during the application period. The full admission criteria are available at Studyinfo.fi as of 30 October 2026. Read more about the programme and the admission criteria.

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 level 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 merits 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 a 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 is applicable. In such a case, five years of professional work experience is required.

Student selection based on a national admission scoring system

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

Criteria used in the admission 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, special education or university pedagogy

Studies in educational sciences (10-16 ECTS) completed according to the regulations of a Professional Teacher Education programme in a Professional Teacher Education institution or study modules in the basic studies (25 ECTS) defined in the full admission criteria and completed according to the degree requirements of a Finnish university. In addition, studies in educational sciences which have been recognized in a decision by the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) can be considered.

Studies:	Admission points:
Not completed	0 points.
Completed	10 points.

Further education

Studies completed since 1 January 2020 can be considered; each individual course of education must 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 Finnish 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 2025

At least 5 months of teaching experience from Finnish vocational institutions and/or University of Applied Sciences

Experience in months:	Admission points:
Less than 5 months or no teaching experience from Finnish vocational institutions and/or Universities of Applied Sciences.	0 points.
At least 5 months of teaching experience from Finnish vocational institutions and/or Universities of Applied Sciences.	10 points.

Rank order of applicants with the same total admission score

In the event of a tie in the total admission score, applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria, jointly agreed upon by the Professional Teacher Education institutions:

1. First preference for admission
2. Points awarded for teaching experience from vocational education in Finland since 1 January 2025
3. Points awarded for teaching experience from official Finnish educational institutions
4. Points awarded for basic studies in educational sciences, special education or university pedagogy
5. Points awarded for other completed degrees
6. Points awarded for further education

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