

BACHELOR | 4 YEARS

International Teacher Education for Primary Schools



-  Course duration
4 years, full-time
-  Starts in
September
-  Location
Meppel
-  Language
English

THE PROGRAMME

Embrace the world of international education and combine your passion for primary school education with exploring different cultures. You develop your educational, pedagogical and teaching skills at a pace that suits you and in a way that enables you to demonstrate your personal skills and potential. With its holistic approach, students learn to integrate the academic, social, emotional and ethical needs of their pupils into their lessons. As the degree has a strong practical focus, you gain extensive teaching experience at international primary schools in the Netherlands and elsewhere.



CHECK THE PROGRAMME VIDEO

“The course content was one of the main reasons I chose this course – not just because of what is taught but also how it's taught.”

Karina Pohl, International Teacher Education for Primary Schools student

Read [Karina's story and more](#)

WHY CHOOSE THIS

STUDY PROGRAMME?

- Study at the number 1 international teacher educator
- Benefit from our personal approach on our campus in Meppel
- Gain extensive teaching experience in the Netherlands, Europe and beyond
- Specialise with minor subjects in years 3 and 4
- Enjoy outstanding job prospects
- Follow an additional year to obtain the Dutch teaching qualification
- Top rated programme according to the [Keuzegids Hbo 2024](#)

YOUR FUTURE

Teach in (privately funded) international schools or choose from a range of careers in international education. You'll know how to apply your professional skills and knowledge to support children of different backgrounds, in different environments and in a multicultural setting.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- International primary school teacher
- Educational assistant
- Special education teacher
- Principal or deputy principal

STUDY PROGRAMME

YEAR 1

The focus is on developing basic teaching skills, learning mainly about how to teach and plan your teaching. You not only learn about different theories but also apply them immediately during classes. You also explore the basic subjects of mathematics and English as an international language, and dealing with diversity in the classroom.

YEAR 2

Continue to develop your teaching skills and didactics for maths and English as an international language. You also work on projects related to the sustainable development goals, develop a maths tool that you test in practice and study academic working methods.

YEAR 3

In the first semester, you take a minor, an elective subject you can later specialise in. You can study on campus in Meppel or at a partner institution in the Netherlands or abroad. In the second semester, you take educational studies and research and do a 10-week teaching practice internship.

YEAR 4

Take another minor elective in the first semester in the Netherlands or abroad before launching into 9–12 weeks teaching practice in an international school. Following your internship, you complete your design-based bachelor thesis.

THE PRACTICAL WAY YOU LEARN

During your studies, you carry out practical assignments from real companies, working in groups and coached by lecturers and professionals with relevant professional experience. It's a way of learning, an educational concept, we call **Design-Based Education**. You learn to draw on feedback to adapt your ideas and become more flexible, while also developing your teamwork and leadership skills.

THERE'S A WORLD TO EXPLORE

Our international community brings together over 80 nationalities on our campuses. It's an open environment that will help you broaden your horizons in many respects. And we offer more options to get you ready for an intercultural work environment. For instance, you could do one of the programmes offered by **RUN-EU** or, depending on your degree, do your **internship abroad** or follow a minor subject in a different country through our **Grand Tour** or **Exchange programmes**. You get to put together the right combination of courses and internships for you and develop both your professional and personal skills.

THE #6 REASONS TO STUDY AT NHL STENDEN

Have you seen our **#6 reasons** why you should most definitely, without a doubt, come study at NHL Stenden? Read about how our students and alumni not only value NHL Stenden's **top quality education** and the amazing **global network**, but also feel that what they learn is really relevant thanks to our **educational concept** and the **career opportunities** we offer – and they get to enjoy a great, **affordable student life** while they're at it.

APPLY

You can apply for the programme through studielink.nl. Check our website for application deadlines and practical information including:

- **Application procedure**
EU: 15 August | Non-EU: 31 May
- **Tuition fees**
- **Admission requirements**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?



WATCH THE VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR



CHAT WITH OUR STUDENTS

Find out more about the programme, ask them your questions and hear great tips.

COME AND MEET US

Check out all our different events and other ways of getting to know us better.

study in NL

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	Study load	Programme	Subjects	
YEAR 1	<p>12–20 contact hours 24 self-study hours per week</p> <p>60 ECTS per year</p>	<p>Semester 1 Through the modules <i>Aspire to Inspire</i> and <i>Pedagogy in Practice</i>, you focus on developing your basic teaching skills. Covering pedagogy, didactics and developmental psychology, you learn the different theories and apply them immediately during classes.</p> <p>Work on multi-week thematic plans for a particular year group, designing lessons and thinking about classroom design and teaching aids. In addition, you work in a group writing a children's book, which you actually go on to publish and present at our book fair.</p>	<p>Semester 2 Explore the basic subjects of mathematics and English as an international language and learn about dealing with a diversity of students in the classroom through the subject <i>democratic citizenship</i>. You carry out assessments that bring the subjects you study together so that you form your own vision on teaching and learning.</p> <p>Throughout the year, you work on your research skills, applying for instance, practice-oriented research in your assignments. In the second semester, you also do teaching practice for four weeks in an international school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Educational studies (pedagogy, didactics, development psychology) › Mathematics › English as an international language › Democratic citizenship environment
YEAR 2	<p>12–20 contact hours 24 self-study hours per week</p> <p>60 ECTS per year</p>	<p>Semester 1 Continue to develop your teaching skills and work on your didactics for maths and English as an international language.</p> <p>Work on projects related to the sustainable development goals, culminating in a conference that you organise as a class.</p>	<p>Semester 2 Develop a maths tool that you try out in practice and later present to primary school pupils during the end-of-semester exhibition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Educational studies (pedagogy, didactics, development psychology) › Mathematics › English as an international language › Academic English › Research and academic working methods
YEAR 3	<p>12–20 contact hours 24 self-study hours per week</p> <p>60 ECTS per year</p>	<p>Minor subject (study abroad) Choose your minor in the Netherlands, at an Exchange partner institution or at our Grand Tour locations. Examples are: Early Childhood Education, Upper Primary, Inclusive Education or subject-specific such as: arts & culture, science/technology or history/social geography.</p>	<p>Internship & research Prepare for the final phase of your studies with the subjects <i>educational studies</i> and <i>research</i>.</p> <p>Undertake a teaching practice internship for 10 consecutive weeks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Educational studies (pedagogy, didactics, development psychology) › Research
YEAR 4	<p>60 ECTS per year</p>	<p>Minor subject (study abroad) Again, you take a minor subject, either choosing a subject offered by the programme or studying abroad through the Exchange or Grand Tour programmes. Putting your knowledge into practice in an internationally oriented company. You'll carry out a research project that will prepare you for your graduation year.</p>	<p>Internship & thesis Spend 9–12 weeks on an internship teaching in an international school. You teach at least 85% of the lessons and are fully committed to teaching 100% of the lessons for two consecutive weeks.</p> <p>Following your internship, you complete your design-based bachelor thesis.</p>	



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