

Haute école pédagogique du canton de Vaud (HEP Vaud)

# Welcome to the University of Teacher Education, State of Vaud

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The University of Teacher Education, State of Vaud (HEP Vaud) provides a full range of training courses for the teaching and education professions. Located at the heart of the Lake Geneva area university network, enriching and benefitting from it, HEP Vaud also plays an important part in Swiss education sciences research. [HEP Vaud, which is part of the Swissuniversities network, develops dynamic collaborations, both on training and research, with numerous national and international academic establishments.](#)

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## The University of Teacher Education, State of Vaud strives towards three major goals, motivated by excellence :

- To offer university level training to future teachers and and postgraduate training to all education professionals ;
- To stimulate research and development in the field of education sciences, notably as part of national and international research projects ;
- To offer its expertise together with a full range of teaching and learning resources to both educational establishments and teaching professionals.



## A full range of training courses

HEP Vaud offers future teachers a wide range of training courses. First and foremost there is the Bachelor of Arts in early-years and primary education, the Master's degree in secondary education, Master of Advanced Studies in upper secondary education, Master's degree in special education, and a number of joint master's programmes, notably with the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva, and EPFL (the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne).

A wide range of postgraduate training is also available, such as the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS), Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) and Master of Advanced Studies (MAS), together with over 220 short continuing education courses designed to meet the needs of teachers and school leaders.

## Scientific research centres

Twelve teaching and research units (UER) are working on the development of research. Several of these units, often working in collaboration with external partners, have established research laboratories in key areas: inclusion, lesson study, creation in art and technology, student persistence and educational alliances, work-study programmes, education for sustainable development, and multilingualism and interculturalism.





### **Four pillars of strength**

HEP Vaud has strengthened its expertise based on four pillars of strength: digital education, the inclusive school, sustainability and open science. Changes brought about by the major social challenges related to these issues have had and will continue to have important implications for training and research. In two of these fields, digital and inclusion, HEP Vaud has already positioned itself as a leading Swiss point of reference and centre of expertise.

### **Innovative mobility projects**

To enrich its teaching and research, HEP Vaud encourages mobility by its students and teaching and research staff, and strengthening of intercultural and linguistic competences. HEP Vaud is piloting and copiloting innovative international programmes such as PEERS (Projets d'étudiants et d'enseignants-chercheurs en réseaux sociaux - student and teacher-researcher social networking projects) involving partnerships with other elite educational establishments. These innovative projects enable students to face up to differences of culture and content in their field of education, in a context different to the usual period abroad.

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### HEP Vaud in brief

**3267** people were studying at HEP Vaud at the end of 2021. They were supported by **310** teacher-researchers and by **1424** teacher-trainers in 128 training partner schools.

**119** staff in academic, administrative and technical support units provided essential support for HEP Vaud's effective operation and development. **1130** degrees were issued, including **859** first degrees and **271** postgraduate qualifications. Also during

2021, HEP Vaud delivered the equivalent of **6,433** days' continuing education and services, with **4684** registered participants from the world of education. In Vaud schools, **129,314** students benefitted from training delivered by HEP Vaud to their current and future teachers.

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