

FACULTY OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL ARTS



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Four basic level programs are provided as full-time (F) and/or part time (correspondence) (C) courses:

Training	Section	Length of Studies
Elementary School Teacher	F	8 semesters
Social Worker	F, C	7 semesters
Information Technician-Librarian	F, C	6 semesters
Andragogy	F, C	6 semesters

Having introduced the linear educational system, the former courses will no longer be offered, although the ongoing courses will continue to operate. The specialized postgraduate courses and courses in higher vocational training which can be endorsed after successful entry in the undergraduate program are as follows:

- In-school practice-leading mentor teachers
- Sonder pedagogy
- Contemporary dance instructor
- Developing (differentiating) pedagogy
- Game and leisure time pedagogy
- Youth support
- Accounting administrator

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- Sport instructor
- Joint courses with the College of Physical Education (horse riding assistant, aerobic, roller-blading, short track skating, volleyball, handball, basketball)

Teams in the handball and basketball sections belong to the 2nd National League.

In addition to the supporting elementary school, the secondary grammar school provides excellent opportunities in the fields of teaching foreign languages, mathematics and sports. The faculty provides its students with knowledge and skills for the whole teaching cycle ranging from the first class of primary school to high school graduation. Since 2008 our sports school has been a source of national recruitment, especially in short track skating, basketball and wrestling. The programs also serve as a basis for school-based sport activities as well as competitions.

HISTORIC REVIEW OF TRAINING PROGRAMS

Teacher training has been a tradition at the Faculty since 1917. The legal predecessor institute practised intermediate level training until 1959, at an advanced level between 1959 and 1975, and the title of 'teacher training college' was awarded to the school in 1975. By the end of the 1980s, due to alternative pedagogic intentions, the School began a 4-year value-transferring and skill-developing teacher training program with dual



specializations of teacher-librarian, teacher-cultural organizer, and then teacher-social educator. After a successful pilot phase, they started to operate as individual majors in the fields of:

- pedagogy ● andragogy ● IT-librarian ● social educator

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEMAND FOR GRADUATES

Demand for teachers varies according to demographic changes. Due to the comprehensiveness of the faculty, its graduates have achieved many accomplishments. Completing their qualification with special in-service field training they can easily succeed in finding jobs as successful experts in the different areas of education, public administration, child welfare and social institutes, as well as in the fields of informatics and culture. This sphere of employment is further reinforced by the three other fields of training, which

are the social acceptance of andragogy, social welfare and informatics. The faculty can cater to the needs of the newly formed regional associations by providing them well-trained experts who are familiar with the challenges they face.

We operate educational and reactivation programs that address the specific needs of our region, including re-activating training programs that encourage the involvement of different ethnic groups in higher education. The needs of our region originate from the unique geographic situation of the faculty being attached to the capital, Pest, Jász-Nagykun, Heves and Nógrád counties through Szent István University. In the fields of training and developing human resources our academic programs serve the credo of Szent István University to fulfil its aims.



MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The scientific work of students is coordinated by the Scientific Committee of the School. The collaboration of varied departments representing various scientific fields involved in our multi-faceted training has resulted in these main research and development areas:

- sociology
- ethnic problems
- folklore
- Hungarian and foreign linguistics
- physical education.



Pedagogy has a more important role than the others, since the working efforts are supported by modern and complex approaches of pedagogy, psychology, sociology, social-pedagogy at the Faculty and well-organized practical exercises, elementary practice schools and teacher / mentors. The topics concerning the social integration of the Faculty and the examination of the cultural aspects of the region appear in PhD dissertations by the members of the departments, while the physical condition of the students and the SWOT analyses of elementary schools are being carried out

simultaneously. The Virtual Regional Post-graduation Centre cooperates with seventeen Subregional Associations of Municipalities and education-related companies, institutions, sports associations and civil organizations.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE FACULTY AND ITS LECTURERS

The Faculty consists of the following departments:

- Andragogy and Social Theory
- Foreign Language and Literature and Language Centre
- Information Technology and Library
- Hungarian Language and Literature and Art Education
- Education
- Social-pedagogy
- Natural Science
- Physical Education

More than fifty percent of the full-time lecturers either possess a PhD or are working on their PhD dissertations. Many of the lecturers are also involved in the work of PhD schools as lecturers, opponents or supervisors.

English and German make up the major emphasis of the Foreign Language and Literature Department and Language Centre, but courses in French, Russian, Lovary (Gipsy) and Japanese are also taught. The Faculty acts as an accredited language teaching and examination centre for foreign languages.

MAIN EVENTS OF THE FACULTY

- Szent István Summer School for Teachers
- The Week of the Hungarian Language
- Hungarian Science Day
- Exhibitions of artist teachers and teacher artists
- Pottery- and weaving camps
- Sports events (handball, basketball, ice sports)
- Public concerts of the school choir

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The Arab College of Education, Israel
- The College of Management, Israel
- Hochschule Fehta, Germany
- Universität Bielefeld, Germany
- I.U.F.M Teacher Training College in Angers, France
- Florida Gulf Coast University, United States
- Touro College, United States
- State University of New York at Buffalo, United States
- University of Toledo, United States

