**The University of Hong Kong**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Education Programmes 2019 Entry**

**Important Notes for Admission Interviews/Tests**

You are advised to read the information below before attending the admission interviews/tests. Please bring along the print-out of the interview notification (to be available in your account on our [Online Admission System](https://www.admissions.hkbu.edu.hk)) and your Hong Kong Identity Card (or Passport / Mainland ID, as appropriate) to the venue of the interviews/tests at least 10 minutes before the stipulated time.

The University provides quality programmes for quality candidates who are committed to developing their career in the teaching profession. All candidates will be considered on the basis of their professional suitability and academic qualifications. As regards the professional suitability, you are expected to have possessed the personal qualities and professional attributes deemed suitable for joining the highly professional and competent teaching force.

### Chinese (CN)

**Format**
The interview aims to assess a candidate's suitability for teaching based on his/her personal qualities, language proficiency and professional attributes. The interview will be conducted in group of 4 - 6 candidates in Cantonese.

**Duration**
About 10 minutes

### Design and Technology (DT)

**Format**
The interview will be conducted in small groups of 4 or 5 candidates each in Cantonese and/or English, as appropriate. The interview consists of two parts:

i. Candidates are expected to discuss their experience and attitude towards the teaching of Design and Applied Technology subject and the use of technology in education.

ii. Candidates are required to share and discuss their views on one latest issue about Design and Applied Technology from individual, organizational and societal perspectives. Candidates will be assessed on their abilities in critical thinking and presentation.

**Duration**
About 15-20 minutes

### Early Childhood Education (ECE)

**Format**
The interview will comprise two parts:

- **Part A** - Group discussion on current issues related to ECE. (6 candidates in each group)
- **Part B** - A 3-minute teaching demonstration by each candidate. Candidates are allowed to use teaching materials brought to this demonstration.

Group discussion will be conducted in Cantonese and the teaching demonstration can be conducted either in Cantonese or English. For the EMI group, all tasks will be conducted in English.

**Duration**
About 35 minutes

### English (EG)

**Format**

1. **Subject Interview**
The interview will be conducted in small groups of 3 or 4 candidates in English. Candidates are expected to read aloud a passage and discuss an educational issue. They will be assessed on their overall fluency, grammatical accuracy and pronunciation.

2. **Written Test**
Candidates will be required to write an essay on one of the two given topics relating to English language education. The writing will be assessed on the basis of task completion, grammatical accuracy, organization and coherence.

**Duration**
15 minutes for Subject Interview; 45 minutes for Written Test
**General Studies (GS)**

**Format**

The interview will be conducted in two parts:

i. **Group interview (4-5 candidates)** - Candidates are expected to discuss their views on the latest social issues. This part will be conducted in Cantonese.

ii. **Individual interview** - Candidates are required to talk about the reasons for applying for the programme. Both parts will be conducted in Cantonese.

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to think critically and their overall suitability as a GS teacher.

**Duration**

10 minutes for Group Interview; 5-10 minutes for Individual Interview

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**History (HT)**

**Format**

The interview involves a 15-minute discussion among small groups of 3-4 candidates in English. Candidates will be asked to introduce themselves and discuss their suitability as secondary school history teachers. An assessment of each candidate's performance will be based on his/her language ability, understanding of the discipline of history and professional attributes.

**Duration**

15 minutes

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**Information Technology (IT)**

**Format**

The interview will be conducted in small groups of 4 or 5 candidates in Cantonese and/or English, as appropriate. The interview consists of two parts:

i. Candidates are expected to discuss their experience and attitude towards the teaching of IT subject and the use of IT in education.

ii. Candidates are required to share and discuss their views on one latest issue about IT in education from individual, organizational and societal perspectives.

Candidates will be assessed on their abilities in critical thinking and presentation.

**Duration**

About 15-20 minutes

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**Liberal Studies (LS)**

**Format**

The interview will be conducted in two parts:

i. **Group interview (4-5 candidates)** - Candidates are expected to discuss their views on the latest social issues. This part will be conducted in Cantonese.

ii. **Individual interview** - Candidates are required to talk about the reasons for applying for the programme. Individual interview for full-time programme will be conducted in both English and Cantonese, while that of part-time programme will be conducted in Cantonese only.

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to think critically and their overall suitability as an LS teacher.

**Duration**

10 minutes for Group Interview; 5-10 minutes for Individual Interview

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**Mathematics (MA)**

**Format**

The interview will be conducted in small groups of 4 to 5 candidates in Cantonese. The interview consists of two parts:

i. Candidates are expected to discuss their experience and attitude towards the teaching of Mathematics subject.

ii. Candidates are required to share and discuss their views on one latest issue about Mathematics education from individual, organizational and societal perspectives.

Candidates will be assessed on their abilities in critical thinking and presentation.

**Duration**

About 15-20 minutes

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**Music (MU)**

*For PGDE(P) TSS1 and PGDE(S) MSS candidates*

**Format**

**Group Interview** - Candidates are required to discuss their music experience and the reason(s) of choosing music education as their career.

**Duration**

30-45 minutes

**Remarks**

Candidates who are students/graduates of music degree programmes from EdUHK or holders of a recognised music degree from other universities will be exempted from audition and written test.
For PGDE(P) TSS2 candidates

Format
(1) Subject Interview which consists of two parts:
   i. Candidates are expected to talk about their music experience and discuss issues in music and music education.
   ii. Candidates are required to sing two melodies, each of which will be played twice.
(2) Written Aural / Theory Test (about 30 minutes)
(3) Audition
   Candidates are required to perform two pieces of contrasting styles on any recognized Western/Chinese music instrument. If the chosen repertoires include accompaniment, candidates are strongly advised to bring their own accompanist in order to best present the repertoires.

Duration Around 2 hours
Remarks Candidates must bring the following materials when attending the interview / test:
1. Original copies of music certificates / mark sheets for verification by the interview panel;
2. A copy of the prepared music / song scores for the interview panel’s perusal;
3. Stationery for the written aural / theory test; and
4. Their own music instrument except the piano for performing the prepared pieces.

Physical Education (PE)

Format
(1) Subject Interview
   Candidates are expected to discuss about their experience and attitude towards sports and physical education.
(2) Practical Test
   Candidates will be tested on their motor abilities and general knowledge in physical education and sports.
   Candidates are required to wear appropriate sportswear.

Please complete the following questionnaire and bring it with you to the interview:

Duration Half-day

Professional and Vocational Education (PVE)

Format The interview aims to assess a candidate's suitability for PVE teaching based on his/her personal qualities and professional attributes. The interview will be conducted in Cantonese in two parts:
Part 1 - Group Discussion (20 minutes)
   Candidates are expected to discuss their views on current issues in professional and vocational education.
Part 2 - Individual Interview (5 minutes for each candidate)
   Candidates are expected to share their experience in professional and vocational education.

Duration About 60 minutes

Putonghua (PH)

Format The interview aims to assess a candidate's suitability for teaching based on his/her personal qualities, language proficiency and professional attributes. The interview will be conducted in group of 4 - 6 candidates in Cantonese and/or Putonghua, as appropriate.

Duration About 10 minutes

Science (SC)

Format Individual Interview will be conducted:
   - Candidates are required to talk about the reasons for applying for the programme.
   - Individual interview will be conducted in both English and Cantonese.
   - Candidates will be assessed on their ability to think critically and their overall suitability as a Science teacher.

Duration 5 - 10 minutes
**Special Needs (SP)**

**Format**  The interview aims to assess a candidate's suitability for teaching based on his/her personal qualities, experience, and attitudes towards the teaching/catering for the students with diverse learning needs. The interview will be conducted in group of 3 - 5 candidates in Cantonese and/or English, as appropriate.

**Duration**  10 - 15 minutes

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**Visual Arts (VA)**

**Format**  The interview will be conducted in small groups of 4 – 6 candidates each in Cantonese and consists of two parts:

1. **Subject Interview**
   The interview aims to assess a candidate's suitability for teaching based on his/her personal qualities and professional attributes.

2. **Portfolio Presentation**
   Each candidate shows no more than 3 artworks and presents the art concept, idea development, process and reflection about the artwork. Candidates are also required to comment on artwork of other candidates within the same interview group.

**Duration**  60 minutes

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Note: The above information is for general reference only. The University reserves the right to change the above information (interview format and its duration) without prior notification.