

With effect from the 2004/05 school year, Aspiring Principals (APs) have to attain the "Certification for Principalship" (CFP) before they could be considered for appointment to principalship. To attain the CFP, APs must fulfill the following criteria within a two-year CFP process:

- Successful completion of a Needs Analysis (NA);
- Successful completion of "Preparation for Principalship" (PFP) Course; and
- 3. Successful completion of the professional development portfolio.

With the authorisation from EDB, the Asia Pacific Centre for Leadership and Change (APCLC) at The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) offers this Aspiring Principals Programme to satisfy components (1) and (2) of the above CFP requirements.

We have the pleasure in announcing that applications are now being taken for participation in the NA exercise and the PFP course. Engagement in the NA and PFP will be valuable for leaders at all levels of the school, and particularly those aspiring to the principalship.



Needs Analysis & Preparation for principal Course for Aspiring Principals

2025-2026

The Education University of Hong Kong



# **Needs Analysis Process**

The Needs Analysis Process involves a number of stages: (i) Pre-Analysis, (ii) The Analysis Day and (iii) Ongoing Development.



## **Date of Needs Analysis**

Saturday Class: December 6, 2025 <u>or</u> Summer Class: July 20, 2026 (Mon)

#### **Time of Need Analysis**

Saturday Class: 08:30 to 18:00 <u>or</u> Summer Class: 09:30 to 19:00

#### **Venue of Needs Analysis**

Sat Class: PLK Laws Foundation College (10-min walk from Po Lam MTR) Summer Class: EdUHK, Tai Po

#### Medium of Instruction

Cantonese supplemented with English (Reading & Writing: English/ Chinese)

#### Fees

HK\$3,800 (Application fee: HK\$50)

#### **Enquiry**

Tel: 2948 8311

Email: pfp@eduhk.hk

# **Application**

Application form can be downloaded from: https://www.eduhk.hk/apclc/napfp

# **Application Deadlines**

Phase 1: 30 August 2025
Phase 2: 27 September 2025
Phase 3: 18 October 2025



#### The Programme

In addition to the Course Orientation (1 hour), the Course consists of four components:

# A. Six Learning Modules (75 Hours)

- 1. Strategic Direction and Policy Environment
- 2. Learning, Teaching and Curriculum
- 3. Teacher Professional Growth and Development
- 4. Staff and Resources Management
- 5. Quality Assurance and Accountability
- 6. External Communication and Connection to the Outside World.

#### **B. Two sessions of Action Research** (6 Hours)

- Two 3-hour sessions of Action Research will be devoted to guiding the development of the action learning report, and drawing connections across NA, PFP and portfolio requirements.
- Tutors will guide participants through the completion of an Action Research Project.

# C. Concluding Session Bridging NA and PFP with Portfolio (1 hour)

D. Optional Seminars or Lectures or Forums and Access of Online Learning Materials

# **Programme Duration**

Saturday Class: Jan 10, 2025 to May 2, 2026 <u>or</u> Summer Class: July 21, 2026 to August 7, 2026

#### **Lecture Time**

Saturday Class: 09:00 to 16:00 <u>or</u> Summer Class: 09:30 to 16:30 (Mon-Fri)

### **Venue of PFP Course**

**Saturday Class:** 

Kowloon True Light School (2-min walk from Kowloon Tong MTR)

#### **Summer Class:**

PLK Laws Foundation College (10-min walk from Po Lam MTR)

#### **Medium of Instruction**

Cantonese supplemented with English (Reading & Writing: English/ Chinese)

#### Fees:

HK\$24,000

Re-take: HK\$9,500 (Application fee: HK\$50)

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# Eligibility of Needs Analysis and Preparation for Principalship Course

All serving teachers and educational practitioners with five or more years of teaching experience as well as a recognized teacher training qualification are eligible to apply for admission to any one or both of the two parts of the Programme.

In case of over subscription, priorities for admission will be accorded to vice-principals and teachers more senior in rank and experience, and in descending order as follows:

- 1. Serving vice-principals / deputy heads in government and aided schools or equivalent;
- Programme participants who have successfully completed / enrolled in the other component i.e. NA or PFP course;
- Serving middle leaders including Senior Graduate Master/Mistress, Education Officer, Primary School Master/Mistress or Assistant Master/ Mistress; and
- 4. Other applicants.

Core AP Programme Team of The Education University of Hong Kong

# **Programme Advisors**

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