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### Basic information about the study programme- from 1.9.2023

**Field of study:** 38. Teacher Training and Education Science  
**Study programme:** PRE-SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

**Degree of study for which the programme is intended:** third (PhD.)  
**Form of study:** full-time and part-time  
**Standard length of study:** full-time 3 years, part-time 4 years  
**Academic degree awarded:** PhD.

**Principal responsible person:** prof. PaedDr. Katarína Žilková, PhD.  
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#### Candidates for the study programme:

The condition for admission of applicants to study at the 3rd level of study in the study programme of pre-school and elementary pedagogy is to have completed a master's degree in the study programme of teaching for primary education or in a related programme and to have successfully passed an entrance examination in which they demonstrate the depth and the necessary range of knowledge required for doctoral studies with a focus on the chosen topic of the dissertation.

The candidate shall apply for one of the dissertation topics announced by the faculty and published on the faculty's website at least two months before the date of the admission procedure. This procedure enables the inclusion of future PhD students in the research activities of the Faculty.

#### The entrance examination consists of the following parts:

1. oral presentation of the submitted dissertation project and debate on it. In the debate to the project, they will demonstrate the prerequisites for scientific work, including

- a good orientation in foreign and domestic scientific production
2. demonstration of knowledge of the required master's degree, the extent of and depth of literature studied and the prerequisites for the 3rd degree;
  3. a language examination in one non-Slavic language - the applicant shall demonstrate the ability to communicate in at least one non-Slavic language (or demonstrate by a state examination in a foreign (world) language); the foreign language examination is in written form with focusing on the translation of a professional paper on the subject of the study the subject of the programme.
- Computer literacy is also a prerequisite (Word, Excel, Power Point, Internet).

Publication activity and other factors worthy of consideration are included in the final evaluation - work experience, connection to a national or international project, study stays abroad, placement at faculty and national competitions of the SVOUČ, the Rector's commendation and/or the Dean's commendation for the bachelor's thesis, diploma thesis, or outstanding results during studies, successful participation in competitions related to the relevant study programme, work in a civic association.

Candidates are admitted to a predetermined number of places by the Dean in a given form of study. The entrance examination is held before a committee - the composition of which is proposed by the union committee and approved by the dean of the faculty.

An accepted applicant becomes a student of doctoral studies on the day of enrolment, the date of which is determined by the dean.

### **Application of the graduate**

1. university teacher/professional assistant at university with PhD degree
2. Researcher in a directly managed organisation or budget organisation of the Ministry of Education (NUCEM, SPI, etc.) or in a managerial position in the ministries
3. Researcher in a self-governing scientific institution of the Slovak Republic, e.g. SAV (Slovak Academy of Sciences).
4. Indirectly - a managerial employee in various types of educational institutions (school, non-profit organization, etc.), in education departments of various types of organizations (foundations, companies, etc.).

**The study is completed with a successful defence of the dissertation.**