

Education with perspectives



The University of Teacher Education Zug (PH Zug) has approximately 350 students and 120 employees, working closely together in a collegial atmosphere. The university is located just above the town of Zug with a view over the lake to the mountains behind.

PH Zug's fourfold mandate includes teacher education, as well as continuing professional development, educational services and consulting, and research and development. PH Zug is locally rooted and internationally linked.

Teacher education

Practical experience is an important aspect of the academic programme at PH Zug, which awards bachelor's degrees in pre-primary/primary or primary education. Close cooperation with primary schools in various cantons, as well as with Swiss schools in Europe, South America, and Asia, further guarantees students hands-on teaching experience right from the first semester, amounting to approximately 30 % of their study programme. Furthermore, students may choose to study a semester at a partner university in Switzerland or abroad. PH Zug additionally provides a full or part-time foundation course for those whose qualifications do not yet comply with the entry requirements.

Continuing professional development and counselling

PH Zug offers a wide range of further education courses for teachers and school administrators wishing to polish their pedagogical skills, update themselves on new didactic approaches and interested in gaining new insights into various aspects of teaching and learning. A varied range of course formats allows for individualised offers, such as one-on-one courses and workshops developed for entire school teams. PH Zug also offers further study programmes such as the Master of Advanced Studies (MAS), Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS), and Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS).

Research and development

PH Zug actively contributes to research and development in the Canton of Zug and beyond, assisting school boards as well as private and public institutions in the development of educational practices. Two research institutes and one research centre play key roles in this process:

The Institute for the Management and Economics of Education IBB (Institut für Bildungsmanagement und Bildungsökonomie) is responsible for research and knowledge transfer in the field of organisational education, school quality, school development, school management, and quality management, in addition to system management and governance.

The Institute for International Cooperation in Education IZB (Institut für internationale Zusammenarbeit in Bildungsfragen) focuses on education in development cooperation, interculturality, and internationalisation.

The Centre for Oral Communication ZM (Zentrum Mündlichkeit) examines facets of oral language in theory and practice, with a focus on speaking, listening, and leading conversations in the school context. It provides support for teachers during their initial training as well as throughout their continuing professional development. The ZM also supports students in schools and anyone interested in the development and teaching of oral language skills.

Cooperation/Partnerships

PH Zug cooperates with various educational institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. What is especially important is the collaboration with its partner schools, where PH Zug students complete their teaching placements.

Teacher education

- Pre-primary/Primary
- Primary
- Foundation course

Continuing professional development, educational services & consulting

- CAS, DAS, MAS courses
- Counselling available for teachers/heads of schools in the Canton of Zug
- Specialist advice/professional consultation
- Focus on topics in school development
- Expert reports/evaluation
- Organisation and implementation of events, conferences, congresses, etc.

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Facts and figures



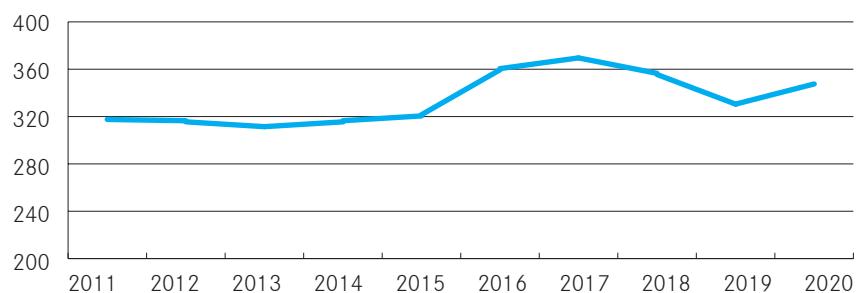
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Number of Students Teacher Education 2020

	Kindergarten/ pre-primary	Primary	Additional diploma courses	Total
No. of students	87	252	9	348
In %	25 %	72.4 %	2.6 %	100 %

Development in No. of Students Teacher Education (2011-2020)



No. of Participants Foundation Course 2020

	Total
Full year course (part-time)	60
Semester course (full-time)	28

No. of Participants Continuing Professional Development and Additional Study Courses 2020/21

	Total
No. of participants	2078
No. of courses	350

Counselling Centre for Education Professionals - Number of Counselling Hours 2020

	Total
Teachers, school governors, students und employees of PH Zug	473

No. of Employees 2020

	Professors, lecturers	Research staff *	Administration, technical personnel	Total
No. of people	77	13	30	120
Equivalent full-time jobs	51.2	7.1	23	81.3

*research staff, research assistants and trainees

Annual turnover 2020

PH Zug's total annual turnover amounted to approx. CHF 20.76 million in 2020.

