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## Information leaflet

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## **University of Szeged**

### **Faculty of Gyula Juhász**

#### **The management:**

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**Head of the Kindergarten Education Unit:** Alice Dombi habil dr.

*The University of Szeged, Faculty of Gyula Juhász has nine institutes and a Center for Vocational Training, Further Education and Distance Learning*

#### **Institutes:**

- Institute of Kindergarten and Lower-Primary Education
- Institute of Applied Health Science and Health Development
- Institute of Applied Humanities
- Institute of Applied Sciences
- Institute of Vocational Higher Education
- Institute of Special Needs Education
- Institute of Art
- Institute of Minority Languages
- Institute of Physical Education and Sports Science
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This information leaflet represents the Department of Applied Pedagogy and Psychology and the Kindergarten Education Unit. Our primary-school and kindergarten teacher training programmes are nationally and internationally acknowledged.

## **Institute of Kindergarten and Lower-Primary Education**

*Head of the institute:* Péter Kakuszi dr.

Homepage: <http://www.jgypk.hu/?p=1149>

### **Accredited degree programmes:**

- Bachelor of Lower-Primary School Teacher (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Bachelor of Kindergarten Teacher
- Bachelor of Socialpedagogy

### **Educational Units:**

- Teacher Training
- Hungarian Language
- Mathematics
- *Kindergarten Education*
- *Department of Applied Pedagogy and Psychology*

### **Tasks and aims of the institute:**

- Cooperation with other institutes of the Faculty
- Cooperation with partner institutions providing place for the internship
- Science-based and practice-oriented training for primary school, kindergarten teacher and socialpedagogy students
- Research and development of these areas
- Participation in national and international research projects related to these areas
- Regular publications
- Participation at national and international conferences



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### **Aim of trainings:**

Students majoring in primary school and kindergarten education, and social pedagogy acquire current, scientific, educational, psychological, social, administrative and legal skills during the initial training, moreover, they learn social studies and health sciences as well. These programmes also offer a wide range of specializations.

#### *Bachelor of Lower-Primary School Teacher (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades)*

The aim of this four-year practice-oriented training is to train teachers who are well-informed about the Hungarian and European culture, who are professionally well-prepared, therefore they are able to educate 6-12 year-old children responsibly. They teach almost all subjects in the first four years of primary school and at least one literacy teaching area up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### *Bachelor of Kindergarten Teacher*

The aim of this three-year practice-oriented training is to train professionals whose professional knowledge, skills and abilities fit to perform the tasks of pre-school education.

#### *Bachelor of Socialpedagogy*

This programme includes seven semesters. The aim of the practice-oriented training is to train social pedagogists who are able to handle their clients' learning, social and mental health problems in a complex system. They focus on restoring and maintaining the balance between children, young people and their social environment. The programme provides multi-disciplinary knowledge, develop those skills which are essential to prevent and resolve social problems and to promote social inclusion of participants.



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## **Department of Applied Pedagogy and Psychology**

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### **Kindergarten Education Unit**

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#### **Accredited degree programmes:**

- Bachelor of Kindergarten teacher
- Bachelor of Socialpedagogy

#### **Further education:**

The Kindergarten Education Unit provides training programmes for graduated teachers:

- Public education leader
- Mentor teacher training
- Dormitory teacher training
- Learning and career guidance teacher

#### **Specializations:**

Students of the Institute can choose from the following specializations:

- English language in kindergarten education (classes are in English)
- German language in kindergarten education (classes are in German)
- Child and Youth Protection
- Restorative pedagogy



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### **Highlighted subjects:**

The specialty of our primary school and kindergarten teacher, and socialpedagogy training programmes is that we provide high number of hours and advanced level of the following courses:

- Child and youth protection
- Disabled pedagogy
- Online measurement methods in kindergarten
- Integrated-inclusive education
- Special education
- Child Psychiatry
- Pedagogy of play
- Psychology of play
- Restorative pedagogy
- Restorative conflict management
- Playful methods of teaching English in kindergarten
- Playful methods of teaching German in kindergarten
- E-Twinning

### **Foreign language education:**

The Institute of Kindergarten and Lower-Primary Education provides professional courses in English and German for the students, which are also eligible for the exchange students of our institute. In addition, the university provides a wide range of foreign language courses for Erasmus students, for further information please visit the website of the university.

### **Subjects in English:**

- Theory and practice of early childhood music pedagogy
- Song, Rhymes and Poems in the Kindergarten
- Experiential learning
- The project method, project management in an educational context
- Psychology of time, time perspective and personality
- Online games and resources for teaching ESL for kids



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- Everyday English conversations in educational contexts
- Family system perspective
- The development of object use

### **Subjects in German:**

- Spielpädagogik
- Tätigkeitsformen im Kindergarten
- Pädagogische Profession
- Die Geschichte der Universität Szeged

### **Subject in French:**

- Littérature, image, pédagogie

### **Internship:**

Practical training is included in the training programmes from the first semester in order to familiarize students with their future profession. Practical training is an integrated part of their studies, which is regulated by the Institute of Kindergarten and Lower-Primary Education. Students do their internship at public education institutions or institutions of social services. Following a prior consultation, their internship is led by a mentor teacher in the city of Szeged or in the surrounding area. The Institute of Kindergarten and Lower-Primary Education has a broad network of partner institutions.

### **International relations of the Department of Applied Pedagogy and Psychology and the Kindergarten Education Unit:**

*Erasmus coordinator of the Kindergarten Education Unit:* Krisztina Kovács dr., e-mail: kovacs.k@jgypk.u-szeged.hu

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We promote scientific and professional relationship with the following institutions:

- Univerzita Konštantina Filozofa v Nitre



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- Universidad de Deusto – Deustuko Unibertsitatea
- University of Novi Sad / Serbia
- Universität Duisburg-Essen

### Fields of research:

#### Art for Education Research Group (MÚOK)

- Interactive picture books

#### Pedagogy Research Group

- The history of 19th-century pedagogy
- Kindergarten-school transition
- Mentoring skills
- Restorative education and conflict management
- Analysis of resilient capabilities
- Analysis of musical abilities

#### Áron Kiss Educational History Talent Workshop

- Research on the history of the University of Szeged between the two world wars

#### Research on Pedagogical psychology

- Family psychology
- Psychology of play

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