



UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN
FACULTY OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
AND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

University of Debrecen Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs

KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION PROGRAMME (BA)

Admission requirements

Entry requirements

Secondary school certificate:

If the applicant completes their secondary education during the current term and their certificate is not issued before the application deadline, proof of student status or a certification, which verifies that the applicant will receive matriculation is required instead. In case of being accepted as a student, however, the applicants must present their certificate of matriculation upon enrolment at the latest. Please note: Even if you have completed higher education, we only need your high school certificate provided.

Language requirements

English language proficiency (TOEFL 513 /IELTS 5.5/oral examination). The minimum level of language proficiency (oral and written) (A1-C2): B2

The language knowledge is assessed and evaluated during the online interview. The language of instruction for the entire programme is English.

Documents to submit with the application

Document	Comment
Online application form	-

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CV	in English, In MS Word format with one low-resolution photo
Motivation letter	in English, see details below
Copy of the main pages of the passport (needs to be valid)	Scanned, in colour, all personal details and expiry date must be shown. The passport must be valid.
Medical certificate	A general health and physical aptitude statement about any disability or any special needs.
Language certificate	If available
Aptitude test in physical fitness	The candidate needs to pass all of the aptitude exams.

Application procedure

The application starts in the **online application system**. Students must register to the system, fill in the online application form, upload the required documents and follow the instructions given during the application process. The application deadline refers to the deadline for submission of the complete application package in the online system.

Type of entrance examination: oral/written/both

Aptitude exams

1. Language aptitude test in English: written (Letter of motivation)

The applicant should detail his/her professional skills and reasons for applying for the course of study. Please detail your interests and motives for applying for the programme.

2. Language aptitude test in English- oral: a conversation about the given topics and the required reading papers (online)

The language aptitude test in English is defined as evaluating the candidate's potential for intermediate-level English language competence. The assessment will contain an interview based on the letter of motivation and a conversation about the given topics and the required reading papers. The conversation is specially designed to evaluate whether the candidate has good communicative competencies and is qualified for the teacher's profession, and the ability to acquire the curricula of pre-primary's (kindergarten) language education.

The topics of the conversation:

- The education system of the applicant's country
- The structure of the national ECEC (Early Childhood Education and Care) system of the applicant's country
- Children's rights in the applicant's country

List of required reading papers to talk about:

- Sándor, Pálfi; Erzsébet, Rákó; Anikó, Varga Nagy; Eleonóra, Teszenyi (2020): Children's rights in Hungary in early childhood education and care, In Jane, Murray; Beth, Blue Swadener; Kylie, Smith (edited) *The-Routledge-International-Handbook-of-Young-Children's-Rights*. London, UK: Routledge of Taylor and Francis Group pp. 354-365.

Available from:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341650996_29_CHILDREN%27S_RIGHTS_IN_HUNGARY_IN_EARLY_CHILDHOOD_EDUCATION_AND_CARE

- Anikó Varga Nagy, Sándor Pálfi, Nóra Németh (2022): Hungary: Kindergarten Educator and Primary Teacher Training in Hungary: With Diverse Pedagogical Competencies to Unleash Early Childhood Opportunities. In Barbora Loudova et al (2022): *Educating Pre-primary and Primary Teachers Today: Quality Initial Professional Studies for Teachers in Six European Union Countries*. Charles University, Faculty of Education. 129-154.

Available from:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/361681028 Educating Pre-primary and Primary Teachers Today Quality Initial Professional Studies for Teachers in Six European Union Countries](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/361681028_Educating_Pre-primary_and_Primary_Teachers_Today_Quality_Initial_Professional_Studies_for_Teachers_in_Six_European_Union_Countries)

3. Physical aptitude exam – video file

Aptitude test in physical fitness – [sample video file](#)

Physical aptitude is designed to assess the level of aptitude that the candidate has in basic physical skills; whether his/her physical ability fits the teacher's profession. Applicants must upload a five-minute, self-made video that proves their physical suitability. If you need more information ask the coordinator.

Requirements:

Choose 5 of the following tasks to complete:

1. Track: place 4 buoys every 2m. Slalom driving the ball between the bumps, running backwards, driving the ball in a straight line.
2. Driving the ball in place 5x with the right hand and 5x with the left hand.
3. Tumble forward. Starting position squat support, arriving in a closed position.
4. Walking on the bench, arms in the middle position at the sides, swinging the legs forward while walking, lifting the legs as high as you like/or doing the same task but walking on the ground in a straight line.
5. Lying on your back, knees bent, foot support, neck support. Sit up 20X.
6. In a front reclining position, forearm support. Hold the plank position for 20 seconds.
7. Starting position: closed position, deep stance, jumping into a squat and then jumping into the starting position continuously. (jumping jack)

The candidate needs to pass all of the aptitude exams.

The online entrance exam process

After uploading all the required application documents, letter of motivation, and medical certificates the applicant will take a professional online entrance examination organised by the Admission Committee of the University of Debrecen, Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs, Department of Child Education.

The interview takes about 30 minutes in the previously indicated and scheduled time sent by the student coordinator via e-mail.

During the entrance interview, the applicant will be automatically disqualified if the examiners detect the usage of any outside source (such as a translator or the presence of a third person who is aiding the applicant). We highly encourage applicants to use their own words and express their thoughts.

Further details of selection and evaluation

The ranking is based on a total evaluation of academic excellence (based on the submitted documents) and the entrance exam results.

The application system will announce the results and the official decision after the aptitude exam date.

In case you would need more detailed information or have a question in connection with your admission process, please contact the program coordinator (Anikó Varga Nagy PhD, College associate professor, vnaniko@ped.unideb.hu)