

Teachers' Qualifications

Teacher Training Education

Becoming a teacher in Taiwan meant one had to gain admission into any school within two categories after graduating from high school. The first type is the education universities that prepares students to become teachers for primary schools and kindergartens. The second type is the normal university that prepares teachers for middle schools.

Both types accept senior high school graduates for a four-year education. To teach at colleges or universities, a higher education degree is needed, especially a doctorate.

The 1994 amendments to the Teacher Education Law allowed all public and private universities to take part in teacher training, making it easier for people to obtain teaching certificates by taking related courses.

This effort to provide more diversified channels for training teachers and educational professionals than had previously been available was carried out to meet the demands of a diversified modern society.

Tuition and fees for teacher training education programmes are basically paid by the trainees themselves. However, full or partial financial assistance is available for some students.

College second year students or graduate school students are eligible to apply for teacher training

education programmes. Full programmes include common courses, discipline courses, education specialisation courses and a half-year of teaching practicum.

Those who complete the programme obtain a certificate. But one also must pass a qualification exam administered by the MOE to qualify finally as a teacher.



Chinese Language Teaching

Taiwan has for many years been home to numerous institutions devoted to the study of the Chinese Language. Students can simultaneously observe traditional Chinese culture as well as enjoy the advantages of a modern, developed society in Taiwan.

In face of the worldwide popularity of the Chinese language, the MOE also offers subsidies for domestic universities to establish post-graduate programmes in Chinese language teaching.

To date, about ten universities in Taiwan have Chinese language teaching departments. Eight of those universities have just started offering the programmes within the past two years.

