

General information

Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art is one of the 13 faculties of the University of Latvia. It offers the study program *Special Education Teacher* where students are able to acquire one of the qualifications: teacher speech therapist or special needs education teacher.

Persons after graduating secondary educational institutions are able to study in the Bachelor's program; with bachelor diploma in pedagogy, psychology, medicine or social pedagogy they can enter second level professional program – *Special Education Teacher*.

Professional Bachelor's study program is a part-time study program and its duration is 9 semesters (240 ECTS). The content of the studies – theoretical, professional and practice which covers pedagogy, psychology, speech therapy, special education and final diploma paper. After 4.5 year studies students gain competencies and have an opportunity to get Bachelor's degree and qualification *Teacher speech therapist / Special needs education teacher*.

Second level professional study program's duration is 5 semesters (120 ECTS) for persons who have pedagogical practice experience and 6 semesters (150 ECTS) for persons who are without pedagogical experience. Study process ends with diploma paper and students get qualification *Teacher Speech Therapist or Special Needs Education Teacher*.

Graduates are able to continue their studies in Master's study program *Master of Pedagogy* in a module for special education teachers and for teachers-speech therapists. Further students can enter doctoral studies in chosen field.

Or students are able to start independent career as speech therapists in mainstream or special educational institutions (preschool or school), private practice or health care institutions.

More information

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