



university of
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International Teacher Education for Secondary Schools

Bachelor of Education

Location Groningen

Duration 4 years



NHL Stenden. Groundbreaking.

By expanding your boundaries, you will achieve more. That is why, with us, you will learn to look beyond the boundaries of your study programme and surroundings. You will continuously be encouraged to discover and develop your talents.

Our campuses are located in the north of the Netherlands and around the world. Wherever you are, you will join teams of students, lecturers and researchers to make a world-class impact. You will solve real-life cases and come up with groundbreaking innovations.

In a world where courage and initiative are required, you will be the professional ready to take on the future.

study programme

If you would like to work with young people and you are open to new cultures, teaching abroad may suit you perfectly! International Teacher Education for Secondary School (ITESS) attracts students from different countries. In this international setting, ITESS prepares you for a career in the growing world of international schools.

What to expect

In the four years of the programme, you will acquire the knowledge and the skills to work confidently in various types of secondary schools. You learn to teach your subject in practice periods at international or bilingual schools in the Netherlands, Europe, and across the world.

Why International Teacher Education for Secondary Schools

- The number of international schools in the world is increasing rapidly.
- Huge demand for well-qualified teachers in international education.
- Professional specialists from several countries will teach you to be a world-class teacher.
- You learn to use the English language proficiently and professionally.
- You will join a mixed group of students in a lively, international and intercultural environment.

Unique education concept

Design Based Education is NHL Stenden's unique education concept. It allows you to work according to the design thinking method on real cases, practice-based research and innovation. You work together across study programmes with fellow students, lecturers and researchers, both within and outside of our institution. This is how you will develop your own professional identity with which you deliver sustainable, meaningful solutions to the benefit of society. Ultimately, you are being educated to become a world-wise professional who feels right at home in an international setting.

X-Honours

NHL Stenden offers you the opportunity to work on additional projects. X-Honours is meant for students looking for an extra challenge. The programme enables you to expand your horizons and to work for clients who are looking for innovative and creative thinkers.



Studying at NHL Stenden

Studying at NHL Stenden is an exciting new experience. You will be encouraged to voice your opinion and take initiative. You do this in a safe learning environment, where respect for different views and backgrounds is a shared value. You will get plenty of opportunities to spend part of your studies in a different country by going on Grand Tour or Exchange. The Grand Tour offers you the option to make use of our global campus network. Whichever route you choose, you are sure to gain a lot of international experience!

Study coach

At the start of the programme, you are assigned a coach who will personally guide you during the entire programme. This coach will help you to contemplate your personal development, way of learning, and future career.

ITESS Five subject fields

From September 2020, ITESS will offer six subject fields: Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and English.

You choose one subject, and you may add another subject during your stay at a partner university in year 3. In the next few years, NHL Stenden intends to add more subject fields.

Mathematics

There is a huge demand for mathematics teachers at international schools. They are much needed to help young people develop their skills of logical problem-solving. With the ongoing technological developments, we will need many scientists and mathematicians in the future, and you can be the one to help educate them.

Science

Technological and scientific discoveries are rapidly changing the world. To face the global challenges of the 21st century, we need citizens who have a basic understanding of science. ITESS makes sure that you obtain a helicopter view of the main science concepts to teach pupils aged 11–14. Moreover, ITESS offers an in-depth specialisation in biology, chemistry or physics to teach children aged 14–16.

History

When studying History at ITESS, you are on your way to making young people aware of history's influence on the world around them. Your teaching enhances their understanding of what drives societies, past and present.

Geography

Geography is all around you. The core of teaching Geography is helping students to give meaning to their nearby world while gaining insight into the physical, environmental and socio-cultural diversity of the wider world in which they learn to play an active role.

English

English is spoken as a first language in many countries and is used as an additional language by millions of people across the globe. English is the language of communication in most international schools. At ITESS you will learn about English and about the various cultures of speakers of English. After graduation, you are ready to teach English as an additional language.

interview

"The international setting helps me to keep improving as a future teacher"

"I have always been drawn to giving presentations and sharing information. Seeing others learn really energises me and I enjoy gathering new knowledge myself as well. I like travelling and can easily combine that with my studies at ITESS. For me, it all falls into place now: travelling, gaining new perspectives, and continuously learning from other cultures. Working together with classmates from different backgrounds and exchanging feedback allows me to keep improving as a future teacher. These positive experiences will be of real use to me in my line of work!"

Pieter de Jong

student ITESS



study programme

The programme is offered in English for students with various national, cultural, and educational backgrounds. At international secondary schools, you will work with learners in the age group 11 – 16. You will develop an open mindset, seeking to include learners with varying abilities, cultural perspectives, and values. The course has a very clear programme structure which helps you to focus your attention and achieve your goals. The international setting is evident everywhere and ITESS offers many practical tasks in co-creation with schools. In your third year, you will spend six months at a partner university in another country.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > English > Educational Studies > Teaching Practice > Democratic Citizenship > Main subject field* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Educational Studies > Teaching Practice > Research > Support lessons > Main subject field* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Educational Studies > Teaching Practice > Research > Support lessons > Semester at partner university abroad** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Educational Studies > Teaching Practice > Research Thesis > Main subject field*

* Main subject fields: Mathematics or Science or English or Social Studies/History or Social Studies/Geography.

** Five or six months abroad: extra subject field or specialisation

Year 1

Explore what it means to assume the role of a teacher in international education. Broaden and deepen your knowledge and skills in the main subject field and discover its position in international schools. Course units like Educational Studies and Democratic Citizenship help you to acquire the skills to teach in an intercultural context. You will achieve English language level C1.

Year 2

In the first semester, you prepare for nine weeks of Teaching Practice with a focus on didactic skills in teaching the subject at an international school abroad. You will be introduced to the theory and practice of research. In the second semester, you cooperate with incoming students from partner universities in your main subject field.

Year 3

You prepare for nine weeks of Teaching Practice with a focus on pedagogy and differentiation. You will do more advanced research into didactics based on a personal, professional view of teaching the subject in international education. In the second semester, you will study abroad at a partner university, choosing a programme to strengthen your profile and employability.

Year 4

You show all-round professional competences at bachelor level in teaching practice. You achieve English language level C2. You round off your main subject field and demonstrate didactic know-how in a final paper and product. In your bachelor thesis relevant to international education, you will prove your academic capability.

More information?
check nhlstenden.com

career prospects

On completion of this programme, you are ready to teach at international and bilingual secondary schools. In this creative and meaningful job, you will work with learners in the age group between 11 and 16. There are more than 10,000 international schools across the world. Many learners have parents who work in a country for some years and then move on. Classes often include local learners who want to improve their English and prepare for international higher education.

Career opportunities

- Teacher at an international or bilingual secondary school.

You teach learners in the age group between 11 and 16. You join up with colleagues in an international and intercultural environment. In this lively and meaningful job, you will foster the personal, social and intellectual growth of a wide range of learners from different cultural backgrounds.

As a result of further professional development, you may later get a position as:

- coordinator of school programmes or projects;
- school leader or deputy school leader;
- (careers) counsellor;
- special educational needs teacher.

A Dutch teaching license can be obtained after admission to an additional programme in Dutch regular teacher education.

Visit the ITESS Taster Days in Groningen

An opportunity to:

- > meet ITESS lecturers and students;
- > attend presentations;
- > participate in Taster Sessions;
- > ask your questions;
- > join a tour of Groningen.

Our Taster Days are on the following dates:

- > 16 November 2019
- > 8 February 2020
- > 4 April 2020

You can also join one of the online ITESS webinars.

More information ?

Please consult nhlstenden.com for in-depth information.



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Language requirements

All non-EU applicants are required to submit an English proficiency test with their application. Exceptions are made for students who have had their preparatory education in a country where English is the official working and educational language. Students from some EU countries are exempted from submitting language test scores. Please check our website for the up-to-date language requirements.

NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences accepts the following language tests and certificates:

- > Academic IELTS 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 for each skill).
- > TOEFL 550 (paper based), 213 (computer-based) and 80 (internet based). Original test results must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service to NHL Stenden. The TOEFL institution code for NHL Stenden is 9215.
- > Cambridge ESOL score FCE-C (169, or higher).
- > TOEIC 670 (Listening and Reading) and 290 (Speaking and Writing).

Academic requirements

NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences recognises the following general international qualifications:

- > International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or European Baccalaureate Diploma.
- > High School diploma or graduation statement (see below) from an accredited institution.
- > Four GCSE/GCE 'O' level passes (final grade A, B or C) and two 'AS' level passes. These six passes combined must all be in different subjects.
- > Associate, bachelor's or master's degree.

Application deadlines

Please check nhlstenden.com for updated information on application deadlines.

21+ Test

Will you be 21 years or older at your intended study start? Would you like to enrol at NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, but do you not currently meet the admission requirements? Then you are invited to register for the entrance examination. Please visit nhlstenden.com for more information.

Ready to apply?

Are you enthusiastic about this programme? Apply! Check www.nhlstenden.com/en/ITESS for the admission procedure and read all about the application procedure, the study matching questionnaire and the (online) intake interview.



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