

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME

STRUCTURE OF PGDE PROGRAMME

Core Modules & Prescribed Electives

The main areas of study for the PGDE programme are classified under core modules and prescribed electives:

Core Modules : Compulsory modules that must be passed to fulfil programme requirements;

Prescribed Electives : Electives that form a certain field of specialisation in a particular subject. They add to the depth and/or breadth of knowledge and skills to be acquired by trainee teachers.

Each module is assigned **academic units (AUs)**. Minimum AU requirements for completing the PGDE programme are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1 : A Summary of the Academic Unit Requirements for the PGDE Programme

Programme	Specialisation Section	Year of Study	Core Subject, Prescribed Electives & Practicum	Total#
PGDE	Primary	1	30	30
	Teaching of CL/ML/TL at Primary Level	1	29	29
	Teaching of CL at Primary Level (for those who did not major in Chinese Language/Literature at university level)	1	45	45
	Secondary	1	26	26
	Teaching of CL/ML/TL at Secondary Level	1	28	28
	Teaching of Physical Education at Primary Level	1	28	49
		2	21	
	Teaching of Physical Education at Secondary Level	1	28	50
	2	22		

#The number of AUs listed in the table gives the minimum number of AUs required for graduation in each programme. The actual number of AUs for graduation for each student depends on the subject combinations offered.

Contents of Programme

The contents of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme comprise four main areas of study:

- (a) Education Studies
- (b) Curriculum Studies
- (c) Practicum
- (d) Language Enrichment and Academic Discourse Skills (LEADS)

In addition, trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Teaching of Chinese Language at Primary level** who did not major in Chinese Language/Literature at university level will have to offer an Academic Subject in Chinese Language and Literature.

Trainee teachers who specialise in the **Teaching of Physical Education** will be required to read a fifth area called Academic Subjects.

Education Studies

This category of study is compulsory and should be taken by all trainee teachers.

Curriculum Studies

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Primary School Teaching** will have the following Curriculum Studies subjects:

CS1: The Teaching of English Language

CS2: The Teaching of Mathematics

In addition they can select one of the following subjects as their third Curriculum Studies subject:

- CS3: The Teaching of Art
- CS3: The Teaching of Music
- CS3: The Teaching of Social Studies
- CS3: The Teaching of Science

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Teaching of Chinese, Malay or Tamil Language at the Primary level** will have the following Curriculum Studies subjects:

- CS1: The Teaching of Chinese/Malay/Tamil Language
- CS2: The Teaching of Moral Education (Chinese/Malay/Tamil)

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Secondary School Teaching** will be assigned two Curriculum Studies subjects by the Ministry of Education (MOE).

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Teaching of Chinese, Malay or Tamil Language at the Secondary level** will have the following Curriculum Studies subjects:

- CS1: The Teaching of Chinese/Malay/Tamil Language
- CS2: The Teaching of Chinese/Malay/Tamil Literature

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Teaching of Physical Education** will take Curriculum Studies modules in Physical Education as their CS1 throughout the duration of the programme. These

modules cover the theoretical and practical aspects of the Physical Education curriculum and instruction.

In Year 2, trainee teachers specialising in PE at the primary level will take **either** The Teaching of English Language **or** The Teaching of Mathematics as their CS2. Trainee teachers specialising in PE at the secondary level will be assigned one Arts **or** Science Curriculum Studies subject as their CS2.

Academic Subjects

Trainee teachers under the **PGDE programme specialising in Teaching of Chinese Language at the Primary level** who did not major in Chinese Language/Literature at university level will be required to offer another 16 AUs of enrichment modules in Chinese Language and Literature.

Trainee teachers who specialise in the Teaching of Physical Education will be required to read one Academic Subject which will be Physical Education.

Practicum

This group of modules is compulsory and is to be taken by all trainee teachers.

Language Enrichment & Academic Discourse Skills (LEADS)

This component is aimed at improving the use of oral and written language in teaching.