



## MSc Pedagogical Sciences: Deafblindness

Which theoretical and methodological tools are useful to analyze communication between people with deafblindness and their communication partners? Which assessment procedures can be developed in order to evaluate cognition, interaction and communication? How can staff training improve tactile sign language acquisition?

These kind of questions are addressed in this Master's degree programme in Educational Sciences: 'Deafblindness'. It is an international programme within which you acquire theoretical and methodological skills enabling you to analyze and research development and learning of individuals with complex disabilities. You will be taught and supervised by international experts. This is the only master's programme in the world focussing on education and support of people with deafblindness.

### Field of research

- domains for research are concentrated on the topics of development, learning, social participation, education and support of people with deafblindness
- research is also conducted in the field of people with deafblindness and additional disabilities, or in the field of people with sensory and multiple disabilities
- research lines are: social interaction and communication, sign language, embodied and tactile cognition, experiential learning and outdoor activities, sign language acquisition, quality of life, participation and identity have specialised in Accounting in their previous studies. Many graduates further specialise by obtaining a professional qualification and/or following an executive master's programme.

### Application deadline

1 September 2025:  
(full-time/part-time)  
1 June (EU/EEA)  
1 June (Non-EU/EEA)

### Tuition fees (2025-2026)

EU/EEA: €2601/year (full-time)  
EU/EEA: €1914/year (part-time)  
Non EU/EEA: €21.400/year (full-time)

### Duration

1 year full-time  
2 years part-time

### Entry requirements

Bachelor Pedagogical Sciences, Educational Sciences, Social Sciences or a similar relevant Bachelor's degree (e.g. Youth Studies, Special Needs Education etc.) and sufficient knowledge of methodology.

Sufficient level of English  
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### Course examples

- Introduction to Deafblindness
- Research Methods
- Internship (practical training and supervision)

### Career opportunities

The programme provides knowledge and skills to obtain a position in the field of education related to deafblindness or other related fields, including complex disabilities

### More information

[www.rug.nl/masters/deafblindness](http://www.rug.nl/masters/deafblindness)  
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## MSc Pedagogical Sciences: Ethics of Education: philosophy, history and law

Issues such as equality, (religious) diversity, citizenship, inclusive education, and participation play a major role in social and professional discussions about youth and education. These issues require historical contextualization, legal framing, philosophical interpretation and ethical reflection.

This interdisciplinary view is anchored in the curriculum of Ethics of Education. Staff members in this program have expertise in various academic disciplines (philosophy, history, sociology, religious studies, et cetera) and enter into dialogue with students to tackle urgent issues together. In this track you will be provided with theoretical concepts and professional tools to consider educational and pedagogical issues from multiple perspectives. You learn how to analyze moral problems and discussions in light of policies and how to contribute to decisionmaking procedures regarding concrete dilemmas in the practice of education and upbringing.

- We provide an exceptional, interdisciplinary master's program within the Dutch context that you won't encounter elsewhere
- We discuss phenomena such as marketization and internationalization, exploring their effects on education, including the impact of PISA surveys



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1 December (EU/EEA)

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1 May (Non EU/EEA)  
1 June (EU/EEA)



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### Duration

1 year fulltime



### Entry requirements

Bachelor degree in Pedagogical Sciences, Educational Sciences, Social Sciences or a similar relevant BA/BSc degree.

Sufficient knowledge of methodology.

Sufficient level of English.

[www.rug.nl/masters/ethics-of-education-philosophy-history-and-law](http://www.rug.nl/masters/ethics-of-education-philosophy-history-and-law)

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## MSc Pedagogische Wetenschappen: Orthopedagogiek

Orthopedagogiek houdt zich bezig met ernstige problemen in een opvoedings- of onderwijssituatie. De afstemming tussen de mogelijkheden van de persoon en het aanbod van de omgeving staat hierbij centraal. De problemen kunnen zich voordoen in het gezin, op school of in de directe omgeving, maar ook in situaties waarin hulpverleners de rol van de opvoeders (deels) hebben overgenomen. Zoals bij elke wetenschappelijke opleiding staat het gebruik en de toepasbaarheid van wetenschappelijke kennis in de praktijk centraal. Het gaat hierbij niet alleen om de diagnostiek van opvoedings- en ontwikkelingsproblemen, maar uiteindelijk ook om het ontwerpen van interventiestrategieën om problemen te verminderen of te voorkomen.

In de mastertrack Orthopedagogiek krijg je een brede basiskennis mee, met de mogelijkheid om je te verdiepen in één van de werkvelden: jeugdzorg, onderwijs, gehandicaptenzorg. Door de brede basis is de opgedane kennis in een bepaald werkveld ook vaak bruikbaar in een ander gebied. Tijdens het Masterjaar loop je stage en schrijf je een masterthese. De stage is een kennismaking met de praktijk waarin je vaardigheden verder ontwikkelt die in de praktijk relevant zijn. Onderdeel van de stage is de integrale casusbeschrijving met als doel om keuzes, beslissingen en stappen tijdens het hulpverleningsproces te leren verantwoorden. Bij de thesis staat het uitvoeren van een (praktijkgericht) wetenschappelijk onderzoek centraal. Ook volg je tijdens het Masterjaar enkele vakken (zie hieronder).

### Vakken

#### Verplichte vakken

- Ethics in care and education
- Orthopedagogische reflecties

#### Daarnaast kun je kiezen uit één van de drie volgende vakken:

- In the Best Interest of the Child
- Decision Making
- Participation & Policy

### Carrièrekansen

- Opvoedkundig specialist in jeugdzorginstellingen of justitiële inrichtingen
- Behandelcoördinator in instellingen voor jeugdzorg
- Orthopedagoog in het speciaal onderwijs, of bijv. samenwerkingsverband
- Orthopedagoog in instellingen voor mensen met meervoudige beperkingen (zorginstelling of revalidatiecentra)
- Gedragswetenschapper in sociale teams en de GGZ

### Inschrijvingsdeadline

1 februari:  
1 december

1 september:  
1 juni

### Collegegeld (2025-2026)

EU/EEA: €2601/jaar  
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### Duur

1 jaar voltijd

### Toelatingseisen

Bachelordiploma Pedagogische Wetenschappen met programma Orthopedagogiek van de RUG  
Relevant HBO-diploma met afgeronde pre-master  
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### Meer informatie

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## MSc Pedagogical Sciences: Youth 0-21, Society and Policy

How can we make schools a safe place for all? How can we make the best decisions for children and youth in situations of abuse and neglect? Can children and young people participate in policy development about healthy lifestyles? And how can we improve the interventions that tackle these urgent youth issues?

In the Master's track Youth 0-21, Society & Policy you will study issues that affect contemporary youth. For instance, how youth are impacted by unemployment and discrimination, how policies on inclusion can be strengthened by research, and how to improve the quality of youth care by developing evidence-based policies and practices.

Also, you will study the context of child protection, learn about various state-of-the-art research methods, and consider how youth can participate in the research process. Additionally, you choose one elective course to broaden or deepen your knowledge. In your second semester, the main focus will be on your research project, consisting of an internship and thesis.

The program has enabled alumni from different parts of the world to find positions in Ministry Departments, in national educational institutions, in foster care organisations, in municipalities, in community colleges and in universities worldwide.

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