

Health requirements in Professional Teacher Education

The cancellation of study right is regulated by the Polytechnics Act (932/2014, 26 §, 33 §, 34 §, in Finnish). In accordance to this Act, applicants to Professional Teacher Education are asked about any possible health based obstacles and prior cancellation of study right.

The teacher studies require adequate mental health and balance, concentration skills, good interactional skills and social competence. Health issues that may impair your studies are, for example, an acute alcohol or drug problem affecting your life, a social state of anxiety which impairs communicating with other people, a mental illness that will prevent you from studying, such as psychosomatic symptoms or depression lowering the normal ability to work, other illness that will put to risk your own or other students' health or safety. Note that you may still be admitted to the programme if the health issues can be reasonably alleviated. If health issues may impair your studies, please contact the Admission Services of Professional Teacher Education institution.

If your study right has been previously cancelled in Finland on the grounds that you have been deemed unfit to work in the practical tasks or training in your studies by putting another person's health or safety to risk, or you have misinformed about the previous cancellation of your study right (based on health issues or safety reasons) during a previous application process, please contact the Admission Services of Professional Teacher Education institution. If you have cancelled your study right yourself or your study right has been cancelled because of other reasons (such as incorrectly entered grades or missing attachments), you can take part in the application process to Professional Teacher Education.