Summer School on Education in Zurich

Track 1: Special needs and inclusive education in Switzerland
Track 2: Health promotion and violence prevention in schools

16 – 28 June 2019
Welcome to Zurich!

Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich), Switzerland, is proud to offer you an inspiring summer course in education. You will be able to gain insights into the Swiss education system, its opportunities and challenges. The course lasts two weeks and is open to students in educational sciences and/or teacher education who have completed at least one year of full-time studies.

Academic programme with 2 tracks – including school / field visits:

Track 1: Special needs and inclusive education in Switzerland (2 weeks)

Like many other countries, Switzerland has moved towards greater inclusion of children and young people with special educational needs into regular schools. During these two weeks, participants will explore concepts and practices aimed at making schools more inclusive. Participants will develop, discuss and share ideas based on inputs by PH Zurich faculty members and professionals working in various positions in the field. Activities include lectures, self-study, interviews and discussions with stakeholders, field visits, and a personal exploration of a topic of interest. Participants will be encouraged and supported in reflecting on differences and similarities between the Swiss system and practices in their own countries.

Track 2: Health promotion and violence prevention in schools (2 weeks)

Week 1: Health promotion in schools (1 week)

School is an important context for health promotion. It is not only a place where children and young people live and learn, but also a workplace for teachers and non-teaching staff. Participants will deal with the basics of health promotion in schools, gain insights into interesting projects, and have the opportunity to visit schools in the Zurich Network of Health Promoting Schools.

Week 2: Violence prevention in schools (1 week)

The issues of the first week will be discussed in more depth with a focus on the hot topics of bullying, violence and ostracism. Teachers are expected to do their best to make schools safe havens. In this course, participants will be introduced to intervention techniques which can help curb aggression. They will also experience novel prevention approaches based on story-telling techniques, which allow learners to solve conflicts in a civilised and playful way. Participants will experience a method of finding their own solutions to bullying and violence, thus enabling them to create a positive atmosphere in their schools.

Social & cultural programme:

- Welcome session
- Zurich city tour
- Trip to the Swiss Alps
- Swiss food tasting
- Farewell evening

"I chose this programme to expand my horizons and it did that and more... becoming friends with people all around the world was awesome."

Michael B., USA

"I felt that the course exceeded my expectations as I not only got my questions answered, I even learnt things that I did not expect to learn."

Vera L., Singapore