

Teacher Training for Civic Education at Part-time Vocational Schools

Austria

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DESCRIPTION

In Austria, **initial teacher training for teachers working in VET schools is provided by the University Colleges of Teacher Education (UCTE)**. The organisational frameworks at the four university colleges which offer a Bachelor of Education (240 ECTS31 credits) for teaching at VET schools differ slightly. The programme lasts **three to four years** and is initiated after candidates have been employed as teachers, and they **follow teacher training on a part-time basis while they teach at their VET schools**. However, **for one semester they are exempt from their duties at VET schools and only attend the university college programme**. During this semester, they **receive their full teacher salary**.

One UCTE module (12 to 15 lessons) about civic education (*Politische Bildung*) is mandatory for all engaged in VET teacher training. Further **courses (90 lessons) of civic education are offered** to teachers of apprentices as one out of four general education subjects, but this is **optional**. These are also offered as part of continuing teacher education and may be taken later. Civic education, however, can be taught by all teachers on the basis of the mandatory module alone.