MSc Educational Sciences: Evidence-based Education

KEY FACTS
- Start programme: 1 September
- Duration: 12 months
- Tuition fees EU/non-EU: approx. €2,006/€14,200

COURSE EXAMPLES
- Evidence-based education
- Capita Selecta: Systematic review
- Methods and techniques for evaluation-research
- Advanced research methods

GENERAL INFORMATION

The ultimate goal of evidence-based education is to improve student outcomes. Everyday new scientific evidence about the effectiveness of educational initiatives is published, but these are not cut-and-dried solutions that improve the quality of education. What kind of research evidence should we generate to close the widely felt gap between scientific research and educational practice? How can we better inform educational practice and how should we use scientific evidence to improve education?

The Master’s track ‘Evidence-based Education’ aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of how educational research can contribute to the development of effective educational innovations and to the improvement of the quality of education. We strive for education that promotes the academic, meta-cognitive, socio-emotional and behavioral outcomes of all students, regardless of their background characteristics and learning abilities. Stable educational improvement can only occur if there is a solid knowledge base to feed educational practice, from macro (e.g., policy), meso (e.g., school organization) to micro levels (e.g., classroom processes). Bridging the gap between research and educational practice requires graduates that can understand, assess and generate solid evidence, and can translate these insights into educational initiatives that are fully responsive to the societal issues and contexts in which they are embedded.

Career prospects
- Careers in educational policy and counselling, research and practice at a senior level
- Careers in all sectors of public and private education and training
- Ideal for research-oriented educational professionals who would like to expand their knowledge base and research skills

WHY CHOOSE US?
- Focus on what works in education, why and under what circumstances
- Emphasis on critical reflection of research evidence to improve educational practice
- Internationally oriented, with local applications
- Close collaboration with peers and experts in the field

Application
You can apply online, please go to: www.rug.nl/howtoapply
Application deadline EU/non-EU: 1 June/1 May
NOTE: Students who need unconditional admission to apply for a scholarship need apply to the programme at least 2 months before the scholarship application deadline.

Admission
- Bachelor degree in Educational Sciences or in one of the other Social Sciences
- Sufficient English skills: TOEFL: 92 or IELTS: 6.5

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