

# MSc Pedagogical Sciences: Communication and Deafblindness

## KEY FACTS

- › Start programme: 1 September
- › Duration: 12 months
- › Tuition fees EU / non-EU: approx. €2,083 / €14,650

## COURSE EXAMPLES

- › Introduction to Communication with People with Deafblindness
- › Coaching and Support in Methodology
- › Practical Training and Learner's Report



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

These kind of questions are addressed in this Master's degree programme in Educational Sciences: 'Communication and Deafblindness'. It is a unique programme within which you acquire theoretical and methodological skills enabling you to analyze communication in complex situations. You will learn to apply this knowledge to the contexts of research and intervention. This European Master's programme is based on and inspired by the work of the Deafblind International European Communication Network. This working group is aiming to develop knowledge by combining recent research with explorative interventions in the practical field.

### Field of research

- › domains for research are concentrated on the topic of communication with people with deafblindness
- › research is also conducted in the field of people with deafblindness and have additional disabilities, or in the field of people with sensory and multiple disabilities
- › research lines are: meaning-creation, tactile communication, assessment, communication and transition to a cultural language

### Career prospects

- 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
  - › a sufficient base for consultancy in education or for further research
  - › extra tools and skills for professionals to improve communicational insight and knowledge

### More information

[www.rug.nl/masters/communication-and-deafblindness](http://www.rug.nl/masters/communication-and-deafblindness)

### Questions?

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## WHY CHOOSE US?

- › Only programme in the world focussing on communication with people with congenitally deafblindness
- › Aims at providing tools to support the communication between people with deafblindness and their hearing & sighted communication partners

## Application

You can apply online, please go to [www.rug.nl/howtoapply](http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply)  
Application deadline EU/non-EU: 1 May

*If you wish to apply for a scholarship, the application deadline is 2 months before the scholarship deadline*

## Admission

- › Bachelor degree in Educational Sciences or a related field
- › TOEFL: 580/92 or IELTS: 6.5
- › Sufficient knowledge of methodology
- › Please visit [www.rug.nl/masters/communication-and-deafblindness/admission-and-application](http://www.rug.nl/masters/communication-and-deafblindness/admission-and-application) for detailed information