



**University Name :** University of Iceland, School of Education

**Short Description of University :** The School of Education at the University of Iceland is the leading institution in education studies and well-being in Iceland and has an important social role in regards to the education of teachers, social educators, leisure professionals, sports and health scientists as well as pedagogy and education studies. The School also offers a programme in international studies in education in English and a vocational diploma programme for students with intellectual disabilities.

**Themes of Interest :** Sports, Social & Citizenship Studies, Education, Disability & Advocacy Studies

**Approx. Number of Students :** 2000

**Required Minimum Age :** 18



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**University Type :** public

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**Name of IPSE Programme :** Vocational studies for people with disabilities, Diploma,

**Website of IPSE Programme :** [https://www.hi.is/starfstengt\\_diplomanam\\_fyrir\\_folk\\_med\\_throskahomlun](https://www.hi.is/starfstengt_diplomanam_fyrir_folk_med_throskahomlun)

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**Short Description of IPSE Programme :** The purpose of the programme is to give people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity for full participation. The aim is to prepare you for work, for example in schools, kindergartens, community centers and in the field of human rights, advocacy and service with disabled people. The programme is organized in accordance with the declared international

policy of interest groups for people with intellectual disabilities, human rights conventions and the policy of the University of Iceland.

**Detailed Description of Programme :** The vocational diploma program for people with intellectual disabilities is located in the Faculty of Health Promotion, Sport and Leisure studies in the University of Iceland. The program is inclusive and diploma students attend courses with other university students. The program is two-years, 60 ETCS.

In the program, students prepare for jobs that fall within the field of education, such as preschool, leisure and human rights. Emphasis is on connecting students to the labor market and one of the main objectives is to increase the opportunities for students to participate in society.

The program is individualized and organized according to the needs and interests of each student. The program is based on an inclusive education philosophy, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the policy of the University of Iceland.

**Possible field of work:**

- Leisure homes
- Youth centers
- Preschools
- Youth associations and voluntary organizations
- Various more

**Teaching and learning support**

Lectures and assignments are often based on collaboration of all students. In this way, students support each other in their studies. Students in need of assistance with activities of daily living are able to study by bringing (?) their personal assistants or advocates. Teaching takes place like other teaching at the University.

School attendance is around 10 hours per week, some project work beyond that is to be expected. The student attend work study, 4-6 weeks, twice during the program. The timetable can be flexible and there may be changes with short notice.

**For whom is the study program?**

Applications are accepted every other year and there are number restrictions in the program.

Important criteria for student admittance are:

1. Interest in learning and working in the field of education
2. Secondary education and / or lifelong learning
3. Work experience

**Number of IPSE Students :** 16

**Required Minimum Age :** 18

**Next Programme Start :** 23/08/2021

**Duration of Programme :** 2 years

**Workload :** part-time

**Summer Programme :** ×

**Summer Programme Description :**

**Deadline to apply to this programme :** 05/06/2021

**Tuition Fees per Year :** 500-500

**Types of Courses :** fully inclusive



**Who provides Funding for the Programme? :**

**Career Development Activities during the Programme :** Work placement off-campus (unpaid)

**Social Activities available :** ✓



**Housing is provided to Students :** ×