

Field of study	<b>Special Needs Education – After-school Education</b>
Study	Single-subject, Bachelor’s degree, combined
Length of study (years)	3
Academic degree	Bc.
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### **Description of the programme**

The study is designed as a three-year Bachelor’s course aiming to prepare graduates, who will be able to assist the target group of persons requiring assistance as a result of their disadvantage (education, services, care, intervention, allowances) through one of the segments of the system of public administration in the Czech Republic. It is assumed that the graduates will work in the following positions: educators, assistant teachers, leisure time educators, personal assistants, social workers, social service workers, counsellors.

The objective of the study is to provide a university degree in a field aimed at the wide social area of providing special needs education and related care to persons with specific needs in the areas of social life and public administration of the Czech Republic. The graduates will become experts in resolving educational and social situations for citizens with health disability and disadvantages. The graduates will be qualified especially for the following areas: schools specially designed for pupils with health disability, work with pupils with special educational needs in mainstream schools, schools and school facilities designed for institutional and protective education, (school) leisure institutions, authorities and institutions in the area of social protection, social service facilities, health care facilities (including therapeutic communities), non-governmental non-profit organizations providing care to citizens with health disability and health or social disadvantage.

The graduates have an opportunity to continue in the follow-up Master’s degree in Special Needs Education – Counselling.

### **Graduate profile and job opportunities**

In compliance with the profile of the field of study and related legal standards applicable to the qualification and professional competences, job opportunities of the graduates will be in the areas of education (schooling), public administration and other areas (resorts) in which the persons of the target group are provided with services and assistance. The graduates will be able to creatively approach various educational and social needs and to respond to the current requirements of (special needs) education in the area of providing support and care to persons of the target groups, especially to persons with health disability and social disadvantages. The graduates will be able to provide care in the facilities of the following sectors: education, social affairs, justice, interior, and other providers of these types of services.

## **Admission requirements:**

The applicant must prove his/her fitness for study in a motivation letter (in English) and a profile essay 15 000 – 20 000 symbols long, focused on the area of study program.

Language competence:

- The standard English language requirement is level B2 in accordance to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).
- Minimum language requirements in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Internet based Test (IbT): 61, Computer based Test (CbT): 173, Paper based Test (PbT): 500 or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band score of at least 6.0.

The applicants are required to send:

- application ([online application form](#));
- [proof of recognition](#) of their previous education (i.e. foreign certificate as equivalent to a certificate of education issued in the Czech Republic);
- motivation letter;
- profile essay;
- CV;
- certificate of language competence

to the address [dagmar.zdrahalova\(at\)upol.cz](mailto:dagmar.zdrahalova@upol.cz) **by 31 May 2018.**

Further information about the admission requirements will be published at [www.uss.upol.cz](http://www.uss.upol.cz)