

Field of study	<b>Special Needs Education – Drama Therapy</b>
Study	Single-subject, Bachelor's degree, full-time
Length of study (years)	3
Academic degree	Bc.
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### **Description of the programme**

The study is designed as a non-teaching structured (two-stage) course with a focus on special needs education and drama therapy. The study covers not only theoretic and informative disciplines (e.g. basics of special needs education, psychology, psychopaedy, etc.), but a great emphasis is placed on formative and therapeutic-formative disciplines: drama therapy, art therapy, personal-social training, creative drama, drama therapy projecting, and other expressive and experiential subjects.

The aim of the study is to prepare the graduates for qualified work in the sectors of education, social care, health care, and in non-governmental organizations active in the mentioned sectors.

The study organically links the knowledge of special needs education and drama therapy (in the context of other expressive therapeutic disciplines), and on the basis of a broad interdisciplinary approach leads students to independent work in solving complex theoretical and especially practical issues with their clients.

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

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

The graduates will be qualified for the function of an educational worker with a focus on the application of therapeutic-formative approaches with an emphasis on paratheatrical systems (drama therapy, educational drama, theatre in education), assistant teacher, educational worker for schools and school facilities designed for institutional and protective education and preventative education – educational care centres, children's homes, educational institutions, substitute family institutions, children's houses, etc. The graduates will be ready for educational work and interventions in social service facilities (e.g. home for disabled persons), therapeutic communities (groups) organized by the non-profit sector, as well as educational work, interventions and organizing work in non-governmental non-profit organizations aimed at assisting persons with health disability and social handicaps.

### **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@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)

### **Admission exams**

Talent test, which consists of:

- Interpretation of a prepared literary or dramatic text of own choice (including authorial interpretation) of about 5 minutes,
- Drama or literary improvisation on a given topic.

More information about the requirements for the talent test will published on [www.uss.upol.cz](http://www.uss.upol.cz).