

Information
on the Qualification Programme
Teaching Qualification
Art Education - Subject Art for Secondary Schools

This qualification programme enables accelerated studies in Art Education. It prepares artists of Fine Arts for the first state examination and for teaching the double subject Art at Bavarian grammar schools within 5 semesters.

Applications for the qualification programme are possible in the admission procedure for the winter semester 2026/27.

If the admission procedure is successful, students are accepted into an artistic class in the qualification programme and, after accreditation of 106 credit points out of a total of 270 from their studies in Fine Arts, they are classified in the 5th semester of the study programme Art Education - subject Art for secondary schools.

The qualification programme is aimed at artists who have completed studies in Fine Arts or no longer than ten years ago. Furthermore, the qualification programme requires an active artistic practice and an interest on educational transfer processes.

Duration

The study duration of the qualification programme is five semesters.

Graduation

The successful studies of Art Education in the qualification programme finish with the first state examination for the double subject Art at grammar schools. Afterwards, direct entry into the teacher training ("Referendariat") is possible in September of each year.

Admission requirements

The regular admission procedure applies to the qualification programme. The prerequisites for studying at the Academy are therefore an outstanding artistic-creative talent and aptitude for the study programme Art Education, which must be proven in the application portfolio and aptitude test. See also: <https://adbk-nuernberg.de/en/appllication/application-and-acceptance-process/>

Proof of previous training

- Applicants for the qualification programme Teaching Qualification in Art Education – subject Art for secondary schools must in any case provide proof of a degree in Fine Arts from a domestic or foreign art university or academy. This degree must have been obtained no later than ten years ago.
- To ensure accelerated studies of the double subject Art in five semesters, the three-week orientation internship should be completed before enrolment at the Academy.

Application

Application must be uploaded to the Academy's online application portal by April 15, 2026 (deadline). The application portal will be activated at the beginning of the application period on March 15 at: <https://adbk-nuernberg.de/en/appllication/application-and-acceptance-process/>

This year, we will only accept the application portfolio and written documents in digital form.

For the application at the Academy, the following documents must be uploaded to the application portal by **April 15, 2026** (deadline) at the latest:

- 1| Motivation letter stating the desired field of study
- 2| Detailed curriculum vitae in tabular form
- 3| Passport photo
- 4| Certificates and proof of previous education
- 5| Digitised artistic portfolio with at least 20 artistic works. Time-based digital works can be uploaded via an upload function in the upload portal. Note: You will find the upload function at the relevant place in the application portal
- 6| Written statement of authorship for all submitted work (you can find a corresponding form on our website at <https://adbk-nuernberg.de/en/appllication/application-and-acceptance-process/>)
- 7| Proof of the three-week orientation internship (if already completed)
- 8| For foreign applicants, proof of German language proficiency at B2 level* (if already acquired)

*Proof of language proficiency at level B2 is sufficient for enrolment in the study programme Art Education (Secondary School Teaching). Please note, however, that for enrolment at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) for the degree programme Educational Science, proof of German language proficiency at level C1 is required.

You can upload your documents in the application portal until April 15, 2026.

We regret that incomplete applications will not be considered.

It is only possible to apply for one field of study.

Contact

Constanze Boscher and Stilla Leidel will advise you on the application and admission procedures in the qualification programme from Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 12.00 pm at the Academy's Student Secretary, Bingstr. 60, 90480 Nürnberg (Tel. 0049 (0)911/9404-0). In addition, it is possible to take part in portfolio counselling sessions with professors every semester. The dates of the counselling days will be regularly published on the Academy's homepage (www.adbk-nuernberg.de).

You can also make an online appointment (Mondays, 4.00 – 5.30 pm) with Nele Jäger (artistic-scientific assistant, jaeger@adbk-nuernberg.de) for individual counselling on the studies in Art Education in the qualification programme.