

Gains upon completion of RITHA Specialist Programme

- You will have gained experience and a deeper insight into identifying, educating and counselling gifted students in primary, secondary and higher education;
- You will be up-to-date with the latest scientific insights about giftedness and you will be able to relate to them from different disciplines;
- You will be able to make a valuable contribution to improve education for all students, including those who are most talented;
- You will be able to distinguish yourself as a post-academically trained gifted expert who is capable of consistently implementing educational and counselling resources for gifted students;
- You will be part of an international network of professional experts on giftedness, who only settle for evidence-based applications and never stop learning;
- You will receive both the European Advanced Diploma in Educating the Gifted (the ECHA diploma) and the RITHA Diploma (Radboud University).

Gifted Education in the Netherlands

For a small, multicultural country like The Netherlands, an international orientation is a must to survive in our increasingly internationalised world. As a result, the Netherlands became an expert in developing educational programmes that cater to the needs of very diverse student populations.

The Netherlands have received international acclaim for their groundbreaking problem-based learning system. This system trains students to analyse and solve practical/academic problems independently through emphasis on (guided) self-study and (facilitated) self-discipline.

Worldwide, the Dutch system of higher education enjoys a very good reputation for its high quality under a national system of quality assurance.

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It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which this course may lead.

Practical Information

- Target: Professionals work with gifted children, young people and/or adults in the education or care sectors.
- How to register: Please complete the enrolment form at RITHA official website/ download it from the website of our Asia Regional Representative, HKGETA.
- Registration deadline: 15 Dec 2020
- Enquiries
 - a. RITHA Official website: <https://www.rcsw.nl/maatwerk-opleidingen/ritha/en?language=en>
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Dates & locations:

- Intended start day on location in Hong Kong: January 2021
- The cost of the full RITHA Specialist Programme: EURO 11,500.
- Admission requirements:
 - A master or at (minimum) bachelor level;
 - A work environment with gifted children, young people and/or adults in the education or care sector
 - English language proficiency
- Selection procedure: Applicants will apply for the RITHA training by filling in the application form and uploading their CV and motivation letter. Based on these documents, the applicants will or will not be accepted for the training, or will be invited for an interview with a programme director.
- Diplomata received upon completion:
 - a. European Advanced Diploma in Educating the Gifted (ECHA diploma) and
 - b. Radboud Diploma Post graduate Programme RITHA Specialist in Gifted Education (Radboud University).

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SPECIALIST PROGRAMME

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RADBOD INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON HIGH ABILITY



香港資優教育教師協會
Hong Kong Gifted Education
Teachers' Association

Radboud University

Nijmegen, the Netherlands



This programme is certified by the European Advanced Diploma in Educating the Gifted (the ECHA), Radboud University and Hong Kong Education Bureau.

This programme aims to help develop your role as a teacher and/or counsellor of gifted students/people and to assist you in implementing gifted programmes in your own learning environment.

Trained school professionals will look at students in a different way, recognizing characteristics that can indicate high abilities and, more important, a need for a different curriculum, more apt to challenge the students and teach them to learn (think, persist, and be creative). They are also experts on High Ability within in their school or daily practice, supporting their colleagues, advising the administration/board

Other professionals like psychologists and pedagogues can enlarge the scope of their working environment towards the gifted target groups.

Trained professionals will also be invited to participate within ECHA network, which does not only improve your knowledge in gifted education but will also add your professional reputation and status.



About Radboud University

Radboud University is located in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. It is a state funded university with a strong focus on research. It is also a comprehensive, internationally oriented university that aspires to be one of the best in Europe. We have created an intellectual environment that inspires and challenges our students and staff to extend the scope of academic disciplines and benefit society.

Radboud University stimulates Life Long Learning. The Radboud International Training on High Ability (RITHA) has been developed in the department of post academic education in the field of social sciences; the Radboud Center for Social Sciences.

About RITHA

At RITHA, it is our goal to increase the knowledge and experience of those who identify, educate and counsel gifted students in primary, secondary and higher education all over the world. We believe that well-trained professionals can make a valuable contribution to improved education for all students, including those who are most talented.

In accordance with the standards of the European Council for High Ability (ECHA), Radboud University offers this post-academic training programme for professionals (at post-academic level), who are working in the education or mental health care related sectors.

This interdisciplinary programme focuses on the fields of psychology, pedagogy and education under a strong scientific framework with evidence-based research, evaluation methods and descriptive research in concrete, practical and educational situations.

These most recent scientific insights have been selected, explained and made applicable by prominent gifted specialists from Radboud University and the professional field in and outside The Netherlands. Specialist and international universities contribute to this training programme. These first-rate lecturers and leaders from the international field have distinguished themselves in both the scientific arena and their own profession. They will inspire you and transform you into a professional Specialist in Gifted Education who is capable of meticulously applying knowledge in your own educational or relevant setting.

Asia Regional Representative: The Hong Kong Gifted Education Teachers' Association (HKGETA)

HKGETA, a non-profit making association, has been helping many gifted students in deprived families. It is directly registered under EDB Teachers' Centre in academic category and has been serving as the only EDB registered association dealing with the promotion of gifted education development in HK.

Programme outline

RITHA is a high quality, research based, 18-month training programme designed to enhance your career potential in the field of gifted education. Our first-rate lecturers from world renowned universities will guide you throughout your learning experiences, ensuring that you will be able to implement gifted programmes in your own learning environment.

Medium of Instruction: English

The RITHA Specialist programme consists of 840 hours (30 ECTS), spread out over 18 months (10-12 study hours per week).

Blended Learning: 80% Online and 20% Face to Face Seminars

1. Open seminar (3 days): Face-to-face
2. Block 1 (10 weeks) Online
3. Block 2 (6 weeks) Online
4. Midterm seminar (3 days): Face-to-face
5. Block 3 (200 hours practicum): online course and individual supervision
6. Block 4 (12 months): Final products: online course and individual supervision
7. Closing seminar (3 days): Face-to face
(And throughout this timeline- Personal learning plan)

Details can be found on RITHA official website/ Asia regional representative website

The programme is divided into 4 blocks with 3 face-to-face seminars in Hong Kong.

Block 1: Foundations of Gifted Education

- You will obtain a scientifically based framework of gifted education and learn where to find and how to critically review new information for purposes of shaping and building your own personal views and practices.
- a. Seminar I: Face-to-face
Introduction to Gifted Education | Get to know the intellectual, social and emotional characteristics of gifted and talented people, how to identify them and how to provide appropriate educational services and/ or support.
- b. Online course: Educating Gifted and Talented Youth
This course covers important themes in gifted education, with the goal of teaching students how the talent development needs of gifted students can be met within an educational setting through a variety of pedagogies and programmes.

Block 2: Critical Issues in Gifted Education

- You will explore the topic further and expand your knowledge and skills in one of the previously covered topics, together with international experts in the field.
- a. Elective course:
Students will choose one elective course of choice: an advanced learning course intended to help students explore

important specific topics in the field of gifted education based on their personal interests.

- b. Seminar II: Face-to face
Focus on different themes in Gifted Education and receive hands-on training and preparation for Block 3 by working on their internship proposal. Next to this, students will propose their first ideas on their Final Products.

Block 3: Putting theory into practice

- You will implement what you have learned, and you will put theory into practice. You will improve your professional skills and contribute to serving the field of gifted education.
- a. Internship:
200 hours of on-site practical experience | You will expand your professional skills, which you have built upon your solid, knowledge-based foundation in gifted education. Moreover, instead of following a set example, you will develop your own critical thinking about your day-to-day job, and you will start to recognize possibilities in the area of lifelong (positive) learning.
- b. Online course: Learning on the Job
In this online course, a personal supervisor will guide you by answering all of your questions regarding the day-to-day practice of catering the needs of gifted students.

Block 4: Reflection on Gifted Education

- You will develop your skills as a scientist practitioner and improve the professional field of gifted education by making a scientifically sound contribution, the findings of which can be used by professionals seeking to serve the needs of high ability students.
- a. Online course: Proposal writing
This course is intended to help you develop knowledge concerning scientific writing, on the basis of which you will write a proposal for your Final Product.
- b. Final Product
In the last block of the RITHA training, you will realize your personal contribution to improve the world of gifted education, care and policy. You will do this by developing a Final Product. This can be a thesis, a scientific article, an article for practitioners (e.g. teachers, mental health workers), a scientifically based informative brochure, a website, a video or some other product. In this product, you will use all of the competences that you have obtained during the first three blocks and, in completing it, you will be ready to act as an ECHA Specialist in Gifted Education.
- c. Seminar III: Face-to-face
What will the future bring? | You will present your Final Product and lead the discussion with the other students. After the presentation and discussion, the lecturers will decide on your final grade and you will receive both the RITHA Diploma and the ECHA Diploma.