

Fast track for newly arrived teachers and preschool teachers - background

The program runs for 26 weeks and includes theory, Swedish language studies and placements at schools or pre-schools. Many of the new arrivals with teacher or preschool teacher training are Arabic speaking and therefore the course will partly be in Arabic.

Örebro University offers the course *Working in Swedish school and preschool*, with a particular focus on teaching and learning, the work of teachers, and how Swedish schools and preschools are managed and organised.

Anyone wishing to enter the fast track has to contact the employment services Arbetsförmedlingen.

Applications for teacher certification must be submitted to the Swedish National Agency for Education if it has not already been done. If the Swedish National Agency for Education decides not to issue teacher certification, they will make an assessment of how the teacher candidate can complete their studies. This may be done through studies on a bridging teacher-training program for graduates with foreign qualifications, also known as ULV programs.

The fast track programs are offered at six universities in Sweden and two or three courses will be offered every year. The first course at Örebro University started in August 2016. Besides Örebro, the program will be offered at the universities in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Linköping, Malmö and Umeå. From April 2020, the program will only be given at Örebro University (distance studies) and Malmö University (at campus).

