



## Enhancing Teacher Quality with Switzerland Basel Teacher Continuing Education



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Continuing education for teachers is a lifelong learning process that enables educators to improve their teaching, keep their knowledge and skills up to date, increase their self-confidence, and advance in their careers. It can be provided by formal or informal institutions. Officially, it may take the form of courses, seminars, workshops, and career programmes; informally, it can be delivered through webinars, online forums, educational blogs, and similar platforms. Professional development for teachers contributes to the professionalisation of teachers and school leaders. It develops and maintains the quality of teaching and schools. Professional development supports teachers throughout their careers and across the full range of their professional activities. It enables teachers and school leaders to work competently and collaboratively. The Pedagogical Centre PZ.BS (Pädagogisches Zentrum PZ.BS) strengthens schools so they can develop with a focus on the future. PZ.BS supports teachers, specialists, administrators, and other school staff. Continuing education & consulting for schools is designed for teachers, school principals, and other stakeholders in the education sector. Further training courses for school principals and staff; the course offerings of the school development and school leadership department focus on the competencies required by school leaders and staff involved in school development, within the context of their leadership and change management duties. Continuing education for professionals; further training opportunities for specialists contribute to professionalisation and quality assurance, offering the chance to expand skills and exchange ideas within one's professional field. With the online course programme, you can attend courses that strengthen your professional skills, exchange ideas with colleagues, and find practical solutions together for school-related challenges. There are many current courses on teaching, communication, didactics, leadership, and other topics to explore. The programme is also continually expanded with new courses; it is worth checking back regularly at <https://kurse-pz.bs.ch>.

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Dear Readers,

Continuing education for teachers is a lifelong learning process that enables educators to improve their teaching, keep their knowledge and skills up to date, increase their self-confidence, and advance in their careers. It can be provided by formal or informal institutions. Officially, it may take the form of courses, seminars, workshops, and career programmes; informally, it can be delivered through webinars, online forums, educational blogs, and similar platforms.

Professional development for teachers contributes to the professionalisation of teachers and school leaders. It develops and maintains the quality of teaching and schools. Professional development supports teachers throughout their careers and across the full range of their professional activities. It enables teachers and school leaders to work competently and collaboratively. [With the 2026 online course programme](#), you can attend courses that strengthen your professional skills, exchange ideas with colleagues, and find practical solutions together for school-related challenges. There are many current courses on teaching, communication, didactics, leadership, and other topics to explore. The programme is also continually expanded with new courses; it is worth checking back regularly at <https://kurse-pz.bs.ch> (Basel Erziehungsdepartement, 2025a).

The Pedagogical Centre PZ.BS (Pädagogisches Zentrum PZ.BS) strengthens schools so they can develop with a focus on the future. PZ.BS supports teachers, specialists, administrators, and other school staff. The goal of PZ.BS is to promote the quality of schools and teaching (PZ.BS, 2025).

Continuing Education & Consulting for Schools is designed for teachers, school principals, and other stakeholders in the education sector. The continuing education programme is structured around competencies relevant to everyday school life. [The new course programme is now online](#) (Weiterbildung Schulbereich, 2025):

[Subject-related competence](#)

[Pedagogical competence](#)

[Self-competence and social competence](#)

[Systems and development expertise](#)

[Professional career](#)

[Other offers](#)

Further training courses for school principals and staff with school development responsibilities: The course offerings of the school development and school leadership department focus on the competencies required by school leaders and staff involved in school development, within the context of their leadership and change management

duties. Conferences, networking events, and school visits make up the event offerings of the School Development Network. The content of the School Development Network is now available at [www.bs.ch/ed/hochschulen/pzbs/netzwerk-schulentwicklung](http://www.bs.ch/ed/hochschulen/pzbs/netzwerk-schulentwicklung). Professional development for school principals (Basel Erziehungsdepartement, 2025b):

[The School Development Network](#)

[Leadership courses from the PZ.BS course programme](#)

[CAS School Management](#)

[CAS Organisational Development](#)

[MAS ‘Change Management in Education’](#)

Continuing education for professionals: Further training opportunities for specialists contribute to professionalisation and quality assurance, offering the chance to expand skills and exchange ideas within one's professional field. They deepen specialist knowledge, encourage reflection on everyday professional life, and promote learning of new developments (Basel Erziehungsdepartement, 2025c).

[Continuing education for day programmes](#)

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