

Mural painting by Carlos Magano at FEUSP - The march of human knowledge - 1956

School of Education at the University of São Paulo



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The university extension program has a broad spectrum of activities at the School of Education. They include activities related to:

- the enhancement of teacher education as well as the education of other school staff members;
- guided interventions in order to improve the quality of teaching mainly in public schools;
- collaboration in the development and improvement of institutions and school practices;
- the development of educational actions in partnership with organizations of the civil society, including counseling for popular social movements, trade unions and others.

Under the perspective of democratization of knowledge and in order to reinforce democratic practices, actions aiming at social inclusion are considered a priority, for they achieve part of the population who usually do not have access to academic knowledge and allow for interventions in less privileged communities.

In this sense, actions which aim at better preparing teachers and the professional development of those involved in social work are prioritized, in observance of the following aspects:

- the participation of students from undergraduate and graduate programs;
- the continuity between the content studied in academic courses and these actions;
- the inseparable facets of teaching and research in knowledge production;
- the systematization and assessment methodologies of academic courses and projects;
- the dissemination of results, publications and multiplication potentialities.



## **Some Extension Programs**

- Teacher education program for public schools: it is an ongoing practice at the School of Education. In 2016, 243 teachers from public schools participated in regular academic undergraduate courses as special students.
  - 3 cultural diffusion courses
  - 2 extension courses with 84 participants.
- Events: in 2016, 78 events were held at the School of Education, with the attendance of 2,269 participants.
- Social Inclusion: projects and programs of local intervention, such as Pontão and Pontos of Cultura, The Museum of Toys, Social Pedagogy Professional Education and the activities of Lab Art.

## **Other Extension Programs**

Crash foreign languages courses

Free introductory courses of foreign languages, such as English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese and Japanese open to the community are offered every year in the second semester. As part of the Internship Project of the Teacher Education Program, these crash courses are designed, implemented and assessed by undergraduate students under the supervision of Language Teaching Methodology professors. They are an opportunity for experimenting with and reflecting upon issues concerning the teaching and learning of languages thus contributing to pre-service teacher education.

INCO (English for Undergraduate Students at USP)

Free English courses addressed specifically to students enrolled in the several undergraduate programs at the university. In a 354-hour course, organized in six modules, students go from elementary to upper intermediate English language proficiency. The aim is to contribute to improved quality in undergraduate programs, since the knowledge of a foreign language is an important tool for academic and professional development.