



Career in Professional Educational Psychology

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Who are Educational Psychologists?

- They are **social scientists** who are capable to teach and conduct research in educational psychology. They are also **practitioners** who can provide psychoeducational services to the public.
- They are a group of **professionals** who apply theories of Educational Psychology to enhance the growth and development of their clients.

Qualifications

1. a first degree in Psychology (honours)
2. a higher degree in Educational Psychology (Professional Training)



**Help students
cope with
challenges**

**Help
teachers
improve
teaching**

**Educational psychology is
helpful to students,
teachers and parents.**

**Help
parents
improve
parenting**

**Improve
school
environment**

Where do educational psychologists work?

- Education Bureau
- Subvented Sector
 - Kindergartens
 - Primary schools
 - Secondary schools
 - Special schools
 - Tertiary Institutes
- Private Practice



What do EPs do to help their clients?

1. Provide psychoeducational **assessment** and diagnosis for students
2. Provide **counselling** services to children and adolescents with learning, emotional, or behavioural difficulties



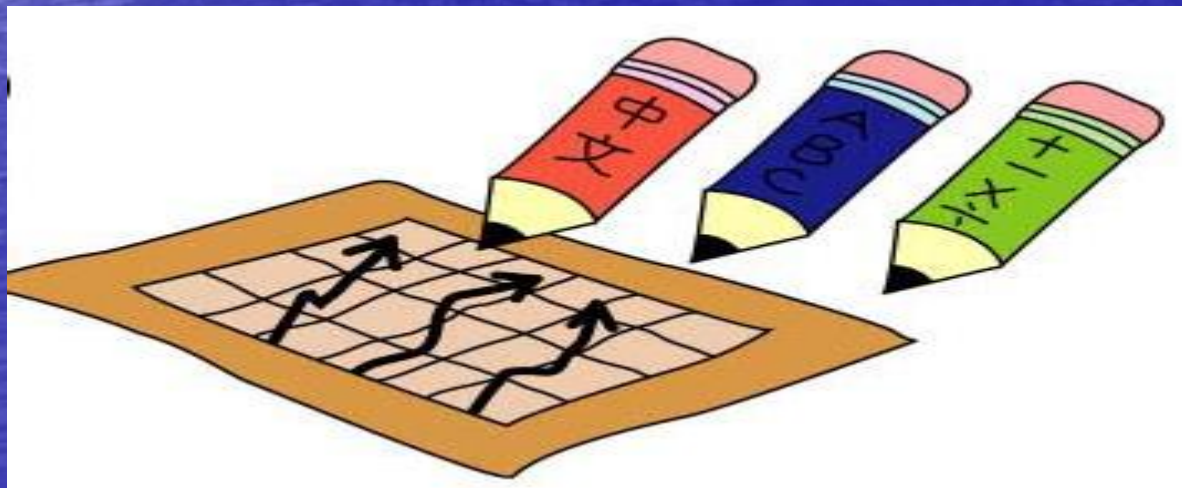
3. Provide **consultation** services to parents, teachers, and other professionals
4. Design educational, guidance, or developmental **programmes for children and adolescents with special or other needs** in collaboration with parents, school personnel, social workers and other professionals

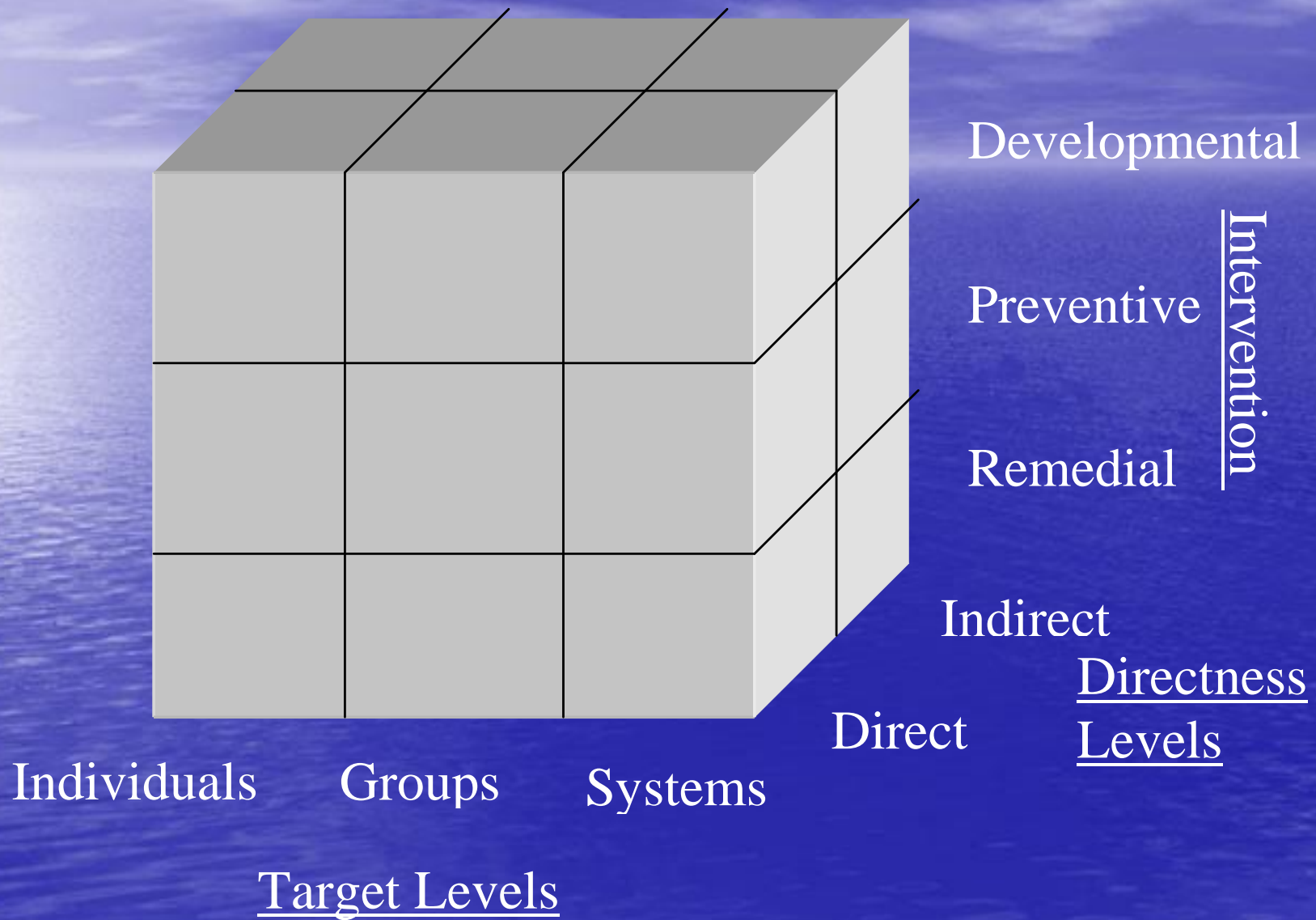


4. Develop and implement **training programmes** for parents and professionals
7. Assist in **crisis intervention**
8. Conduct **research** in educational psychology to enhance and improve related services



9. Analyze organizational needs of schools and provide consultation for **school development**
9. Provide consultation to **education policy** makers from the perspective of educational psychology.





Becoming an Educational Psychologist: **M. Soc. Sc. (EdPsy) Programme, HKU**

- Two-year full-time programme
- 3 Components
 - Coursework
 - Practical Training
 - Research

Coursework

- Psychoeducational Assessment
- Psychoeducational Intervention
- Children with Special Needs
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Motivation & Learning
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Professional Ethics and Issues in Educational psychology
- Research Methods & Statistics
- Skills Training Seminars

Practical Training

Duration: 180 days

Field Placements

- Education Bureau
- Mainstream primary and secondary schools
- Special schools or centres
- Child Assessment Centres

Placement at Psychological Services Unit,
Department of Psychology, HKU

Research

- **First Year**

- Courses: Research Methods & Statistics
- Selection of research topic & supervisor
- Research proposal

- **Second Year**

- Submission of thesis title
- Submission of thesis

M.Soc.Sc.(EdPsy)

Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with honours in Psychology or equivalent
- Preferably have relevant working experience in educational or related settings

Admission: 2016, 2018,..

Doctoral EP Programmes at HKU

- **PhD Programme in Psychology**
 - 4 yr. programme
 - M.Soc.Sc. + enhanced research component
 - UGC-funded
- **Doctor of Psychology (EP) Programme**
 - 2+2 programme
 - With both practical and research components
 - Self-funded