Career in Professional Educational Psychology
1. Who are Educational Psychologists and what do they do?

2. What are their qualifications?

3. Where do Educational Psychologists work in Hong Kong?
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)
Educational psychology is helpful to students, teachers and parents.

Help teachers improve teaching

Help parents improve parenting

Help students cope with challenges

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