

# Waldorf Pedagógiai Intézet Institute of Waldorf Pedagogy

Solymár, Hungary

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## **Contact information:**

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**Teaching language:** Hungarian

**Number of students:** 200

**Permanent faculty:** 6

**Guest faculty:** 4

## **Study programs:**

Full time:

- Class teacher for Waldorf education, 4 years
- Waldorf early childhood educator, 3 years

**Part-time:**

- Postgraduate course for Waldorf education, 3 years
- Subject teacher for horticulture, 2 years
- Subject teacher for handicrafts, 3 years
- Subject teacher for fine arts, 3 years

## **Exact degrees offered:**

- Certificate for Educators / Teachers at Waldorf Kindergartens and Schools (Optional upgrade to a Bachelors degree offered in cooperation with ELTE Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education)

The Waldorf Class Teacher Education Institute has been operating since 1991 in Solymár as the only four-year, full-time Waldorf teacher education program in Central Eastern Europe. The Institute works in cooperation with the Witten-Annen Institute for Waldorf Education in Germany, aiming to provide well-educated teachers for Hungarian Waldorf schools and to contribute to the renewal of public education.

The number of Waldorf schools in Hungary has steadily increased within the three decades since the political changeover. 8500 children are currently enrolled in the 55 kindergartens and 41 Waldorf schools in Hungary. The biggest challenge for the Institute for Waldorf Pedagogy is finding ways to better meet the increasing demand for teachers in Hungarian Waldorf schools and kindergartens.

In addition to theoretical knowledge – methodology, didactics, anthropology, a general view of humans and the world – the institute places great emphasis on artistic development, classroom observation, and teaching practice in Waldorf schools in order to prepare future teachers for their work. The majority of students in the part-time programs are already teaching in Waldorf schools, and complete their training parallel to their teaching jobs.

Through a collaboration with the University Eötvös Lóránd Tudományegyetem Tanító-és óvőkészítő Kar (ELTE), absolvents of the program can upgrade their Waldorf Teacher Certification to a Bachelors degree by adding one and a half years of University studies after finishing in Solymár.

