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**POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) MASTER OF ARTS IN  
EDUCATION MAJOR IN TEACHING IN THE CHALLENGED AREAS (MAED-TCA)**

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), one of the country's leading teacher education institutions, is now offering the Master of Arts in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA)—the first of its kind in the Philippines and globally.

This CHED-approved graduate program was developed through Project FORTH (Formation of Teachers in Emerging Challenged Areas in the Philippines), a capacity-building initiative co-funded by the Erasmus+ of the European Union Commission.

"Challenged Areas" cover diverse learner contexts affected by economic, legal, technological, social, cultural, political, and environmental factors. This graduate degree aims to prepare educators for such realities and support their professional growth through advanced training and flexible learning modes (online/hybrid).

The MAED-TCA program is open for admission for the First Semester of AY 2025-2026, with classes starting September 2025.

Participation in the program is voluntary, subject to availability of personal resources and time, and must not disrupt regular teaching duties or office operations, in compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025 (Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities) and DO 9, s. 2005 (Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task).

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