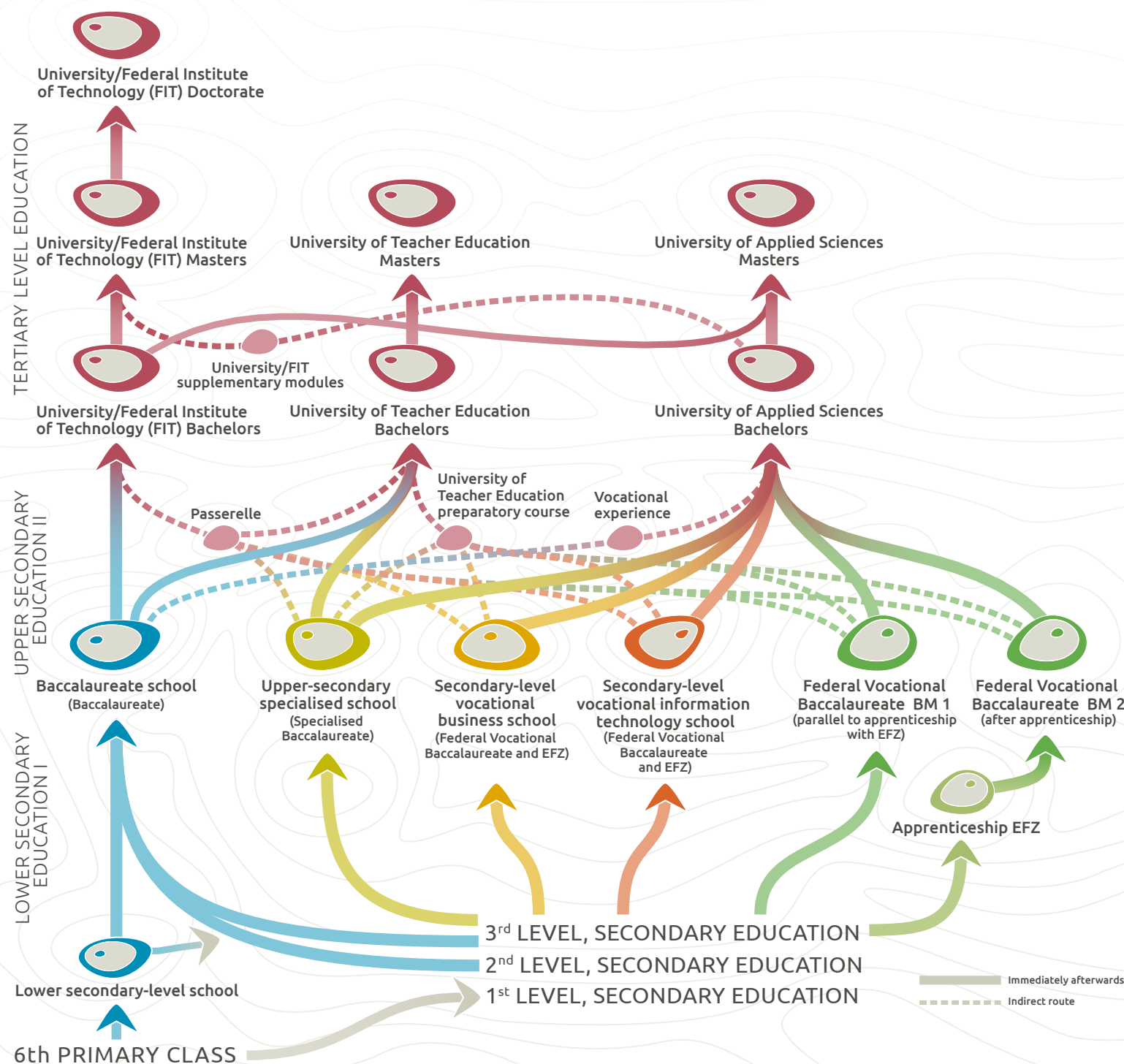




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LOWER SECONDARY  
EDUCATION I

Lower secondary-level school

6<sup>th</sup> PRIMARY CLASS

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— Immediately afterwards  
- - - Indirect route

# Lower secondary-level/ Junior high school

(Untergymnasium)

The Untergymnasium covers the seventh and eighth years of school and is the place for young people to satisfy their curiosity about various subjects. Untergymnasium pupils grasp new facts quickly, are studious and motivated to work. Like the Gymnasium, the Untergymnasium endeavours to balance teaching of academic knowledge to pupils and their personal development.

The curriculum is based on that for the Volksschule, but the hours allocated to the individual subjects differ somewhat to those for Sekundarschule.

Attending an Untergymnasium means that if a child meets the conditions, they can be promoted directly to Gymnasium courses, without having to take an examination.

## Target group

The Untergymnasium is aimed at high-performing primary school pupils, who then attend the Gymnasium after Untergymnasium and hope to later study for a degree at university.

## Duration

2 years

## Costs

In principle, the Untergymnasium is free. Various fees are charged. Parents pay for materials, excursions, ski camps and project weeks, etc. You can expect to pay around CHF 2,100 in total (excluding railway season tickets and additional expenses for meals).

## Qualification

None; non-examined entry to Gymnasium

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# Apprenticeship EFZ

(Lehre EFZ)

The Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis (Federal Vocational Education & Training (VET) Diploma) is awarded on successful completion of a three or four-year apprenticeship. The apprentice has to pass a final examination in the last year of the apprenticeship, which consists of a practical and a theoretical part. Apprentices work in their training company during the apprenticeship and attend a vocational education and training school. They can also attend a school where they can obtain the Berufsmaturität (BM 1) qualification.

## Target group

The Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitsausweis (EFZ) is aimed at people who have completed compulsory schooling successfully and want to embark on employment with a vocational education & training qualification.

## Duration

An apprenticeship usually lasts three or four years.

## Costs

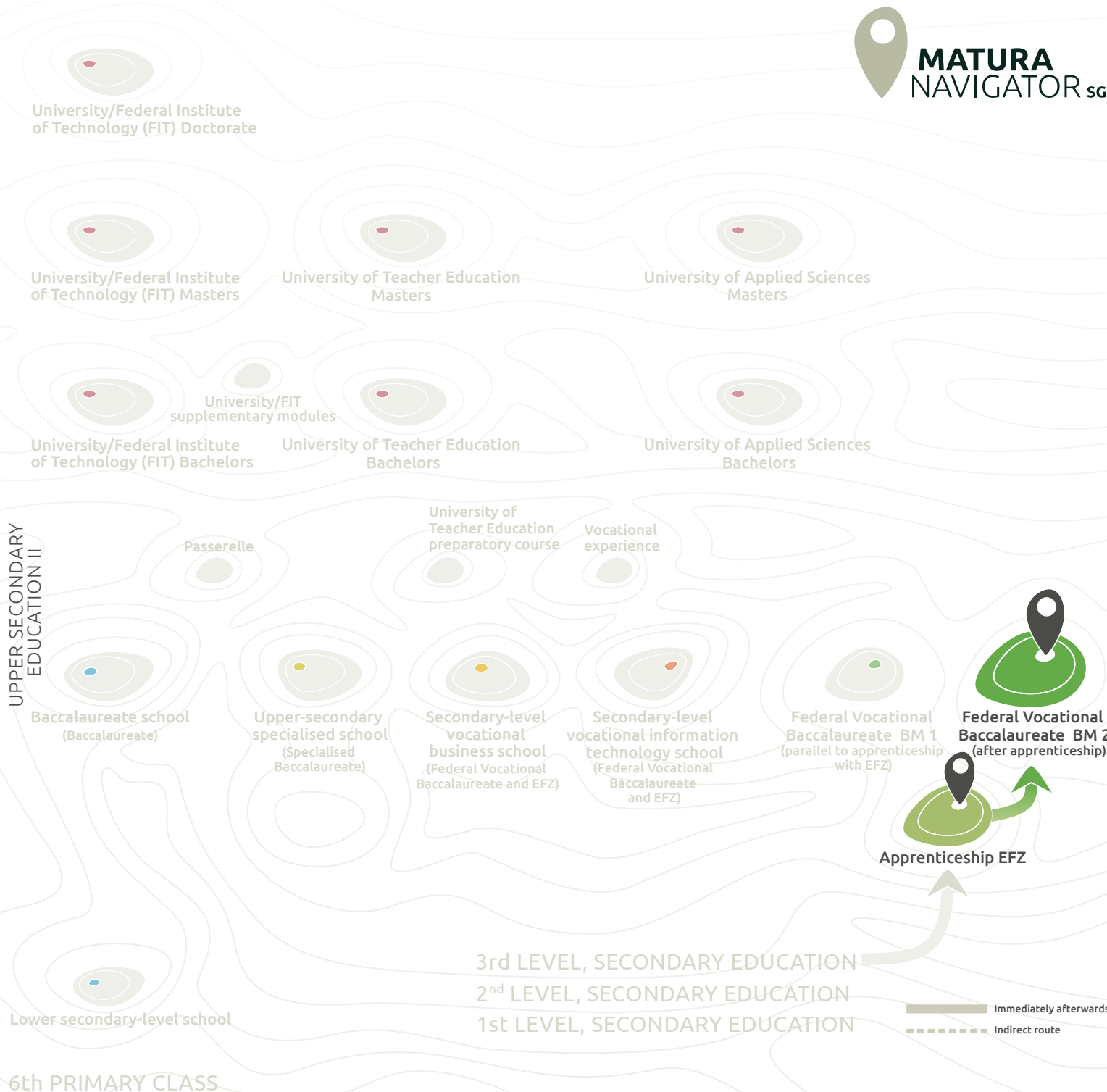
In the majority of cases the apprenticeship is completed in a training company and is therefore free. The apprentice is usually also paid a wage.

## Qualification

Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis (EFZ)

## Prospects

Employment, Berufsmaturität, higher vocational education and training





# Baccalaureate schools

(Gymnasium)

The Gymnasium requires an open mind and self-assessment skills. Students acquire the personal maturity required for a course at a university or university of applied sciences, which prepares them for demanding jobs in society. Graduates of a Gymnasium should be able to work independently, but also as part of a team. The aims are conveyed over four years of education (after the second or third class of Sekundarschule). Students who graduate from a Gymnasium gain access, without an examination, to universities and universitäre Hochschulen (ETH).

## Target groups

The Gymnasium is aimed at good students who later want to study for a degree at university.

## Duration

4 years full time

## Costs

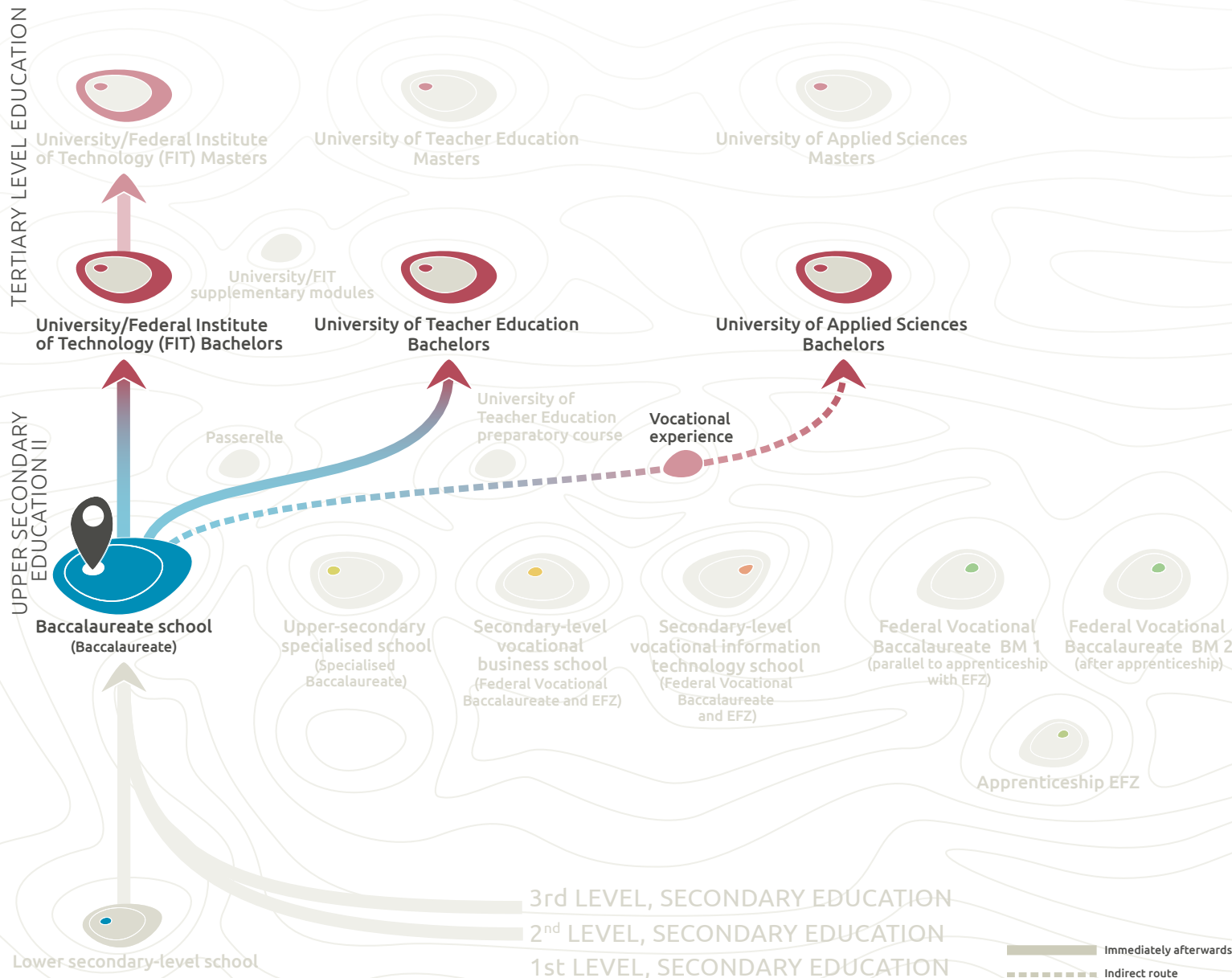
In principle the Gymnasium is free. Various fees are charged. Parents pay for materials, laptop or tablet, excursions, language-learning holidays, etc. You can expect to pay around CHF 4,500 in total (excluding railway season tickets and additional expenses for meals).

## Qualification

Gymnasiale Maturität

## Prospects

Universities. Also gives access to other sources of tertiary education (Pädagogische Hochschulen, Fachhochschulen FH, höhere Fachschulen, etc.). Some have additional entrance requirements (preparation education, vocational experience).



# Upper-secondary specialised school

(Fachmittelschule, FMS)

The Fachmittelschule prepares students for demanding careers in professions such as health and social care, teaching, design, communication and information technology, in other words for courses at a höhere Fachschule (college of professional education and training), a Pädagogische Hochschule (university of teacher education), at a Hochschule der Künste (art college) or a Fachhochschule (university of applied sciences).

## Target group

Entry to a Fachmittelschule takes place after compulsory schooling and is aimed at good secondary school students.

## Duration

After three years, students are awarded the Fachmittelschul- ausweis in their chosen vocational field. After four years they are awarded the Fachmaturität in their chosen vocational field.

## Costs

In principle Fachmittelschule is free. Various fees are charged. Parents pay for materials, laptop or tablet, excursions, language-learning holidays, etc. You can expect to pay around CHF 9,000 in total for three years (excluding railway season tickets and additional expenses for meals, or design or music preparatory courses).

## Qualification

Fachmittelschul- ausweis and Fachmaturität

## Prospects

Access to höhere Fachschulen or Fachhochschulen in a specific area of study.

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Lower secondary-level school

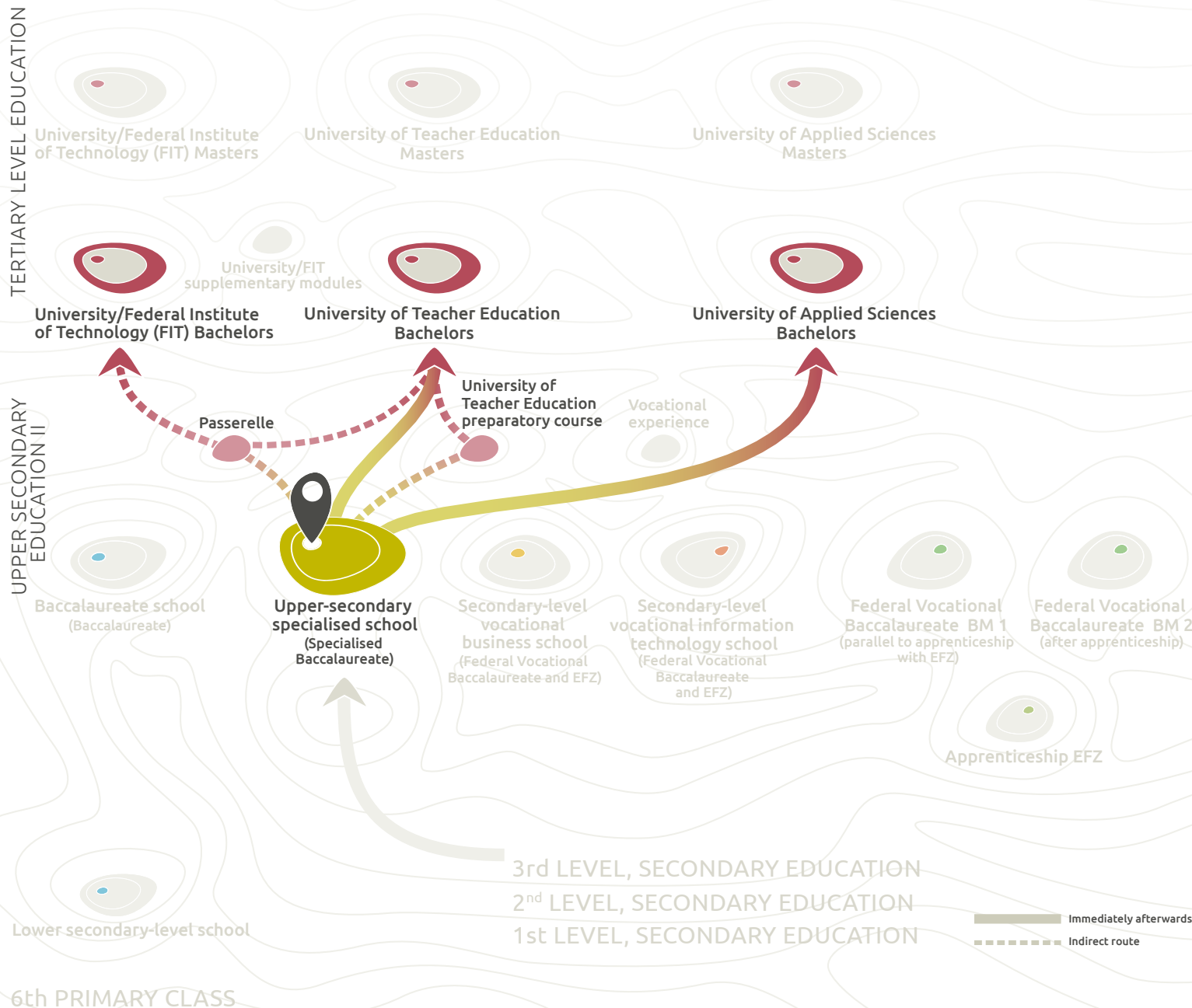
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# Secondary-level vocational business school

(Wirtschaftsmittelschule, WMS)

The Wirtschaftsmittelschule specialises in languages (WMS-S) and information technology (WMS-I) and follows the third year of secondary school. Students attain the Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis (EFZ) Kauffrau/Kaufmann and the Berufsmaturität Wirtschaft und Dienstleistungen, Typ Wirtschaft.

## WMS-S

The WMS-S combines an enhanced general education with vocational business training and prepares students for a job in business, or for a place at a Fachhochschule or other tertiary education establishment, but not at a university.

## WMS-I

The WMS-I combines an enhanced general education with vocational training in business and information technology and therefore prepares students for a job in business, or for a place at a Fachhochschule or other tertiary education establishment, but not at a university.

## Target group

Students attend a Wirtschaftsmittelschule after compulsory schooling. It is aimed at good secondary school students.

## Duration

4 years, 3 of which are full-time school and 1-year traineeship

## Costs

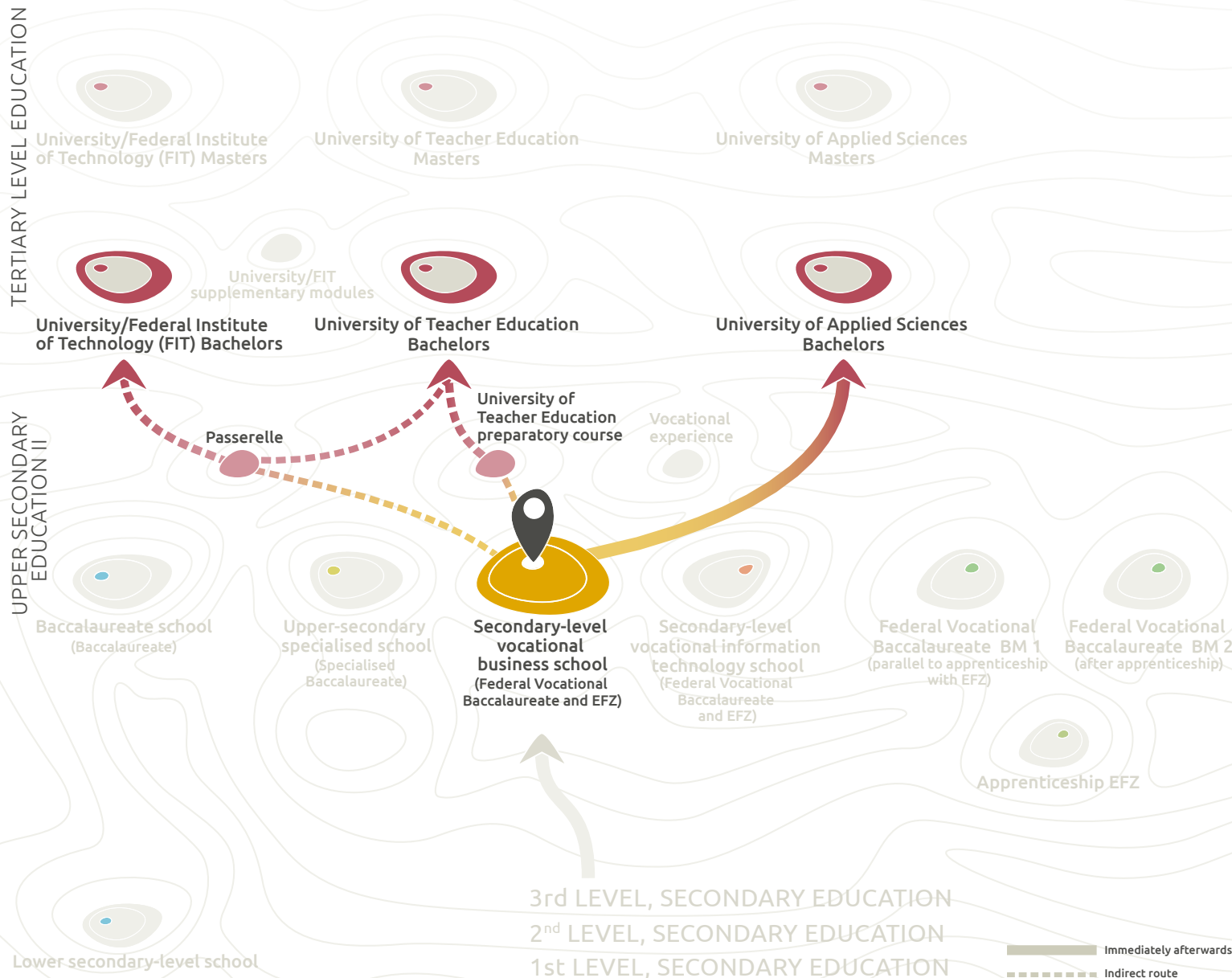
In principle WMS is free. Various fees are charged. Parents pay for materials, laptop or tablet, excursions, language-learning holidays, etc. You can expect to pay around CHF 8,500 in total (excluding railway season tickets and additional expenses for meals).

## Qualification

Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis Kauffrau/Kaufmann with Berufsmaturität.

## Prospects

A job in business and access to Fachhochschulen.



# Secondary-level vocational information technology school

(Informatikmittelschule, IMS)

The IMS combines an enhanced general education with vocational training and prepares students for a job as a programmer, or for a place at a Fachhochschule or other tertiary education establishment.

## There are two streams to the IMS:

Whilst the Kantonsschule am Brühl in St.Gallen and the Kantonsschule Sargans offer the IMS-W, with the BM Ausrichtung Wirtschaft und Dienstleistungen, Typ Wirtschaft (WD-W), the Berufs- und Weiterbildungszentrum Rapperswil-Jona offers the IMS-T, with BM Ausrichtung Technik, Architektur, Life Sciences (TALS).

## Target group

Students attend an Informatikmittelschule after compulsory schooling. It is aimed at good secondary school students who are very interested in information technology.

## Duration

4 years; 3 years full-time school and 1-year traineeship

## Costs

In principle Informatikmittelschule is free. Various fees are charged. Parents pay for materials, laptop, excursions, language-learning holidays, etc. You can expect to pay around CHF 8,500 in total (excluding railway season tickets and additional expenses for meals).

## Qualification

Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis Informatikerin/Informatiker Richtung Applikationsentwicklung with Berufsmaturität Technik, Architektur, Life Sciences or Wirtschaft und Dienstleistungen Typ Wirtschaft.

## Prospects

Very good career prospects in the complex world of information technology as a result of the combination of a broad general education and practical IT experience.

TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION

UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION II

Lower secondary-level school

6th PRIMARY CLASS

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Apprenticeship EFZ

# Federal Vocational Baccalaureate BM 1

(Berufsmaturität BM 1 + EFZ)

The Berufsmaturität includes upper-secondary vocational education and training and an enhanced general education. It can be completed during an apprenticeship (BM1) or later, during continuing education (BM 2). The BM allows non-examined access to all Fachhochschule. After the student has passed the university aptitude test, the Berufsmaturität also provides access to Universitäre Hochschulen. It is also possible to study at a Pädagogische Hochschule (PH) after completing the PH preparatory course.

## Target groups

The BM is aimed at good students who want to further their vocational and general knowledge during or after their apprenticeship and who would like, at a later date, to study at a Fachhochschule.

## Duration

The BM 1 can be completed during the 3-4 year vocational education and training course, parallel to the apprenticeship. The employer's consent is required. The additional BM 1 teaching normally requires another half day of lessons. Generally speaking, this starts in the first year.

## Costs

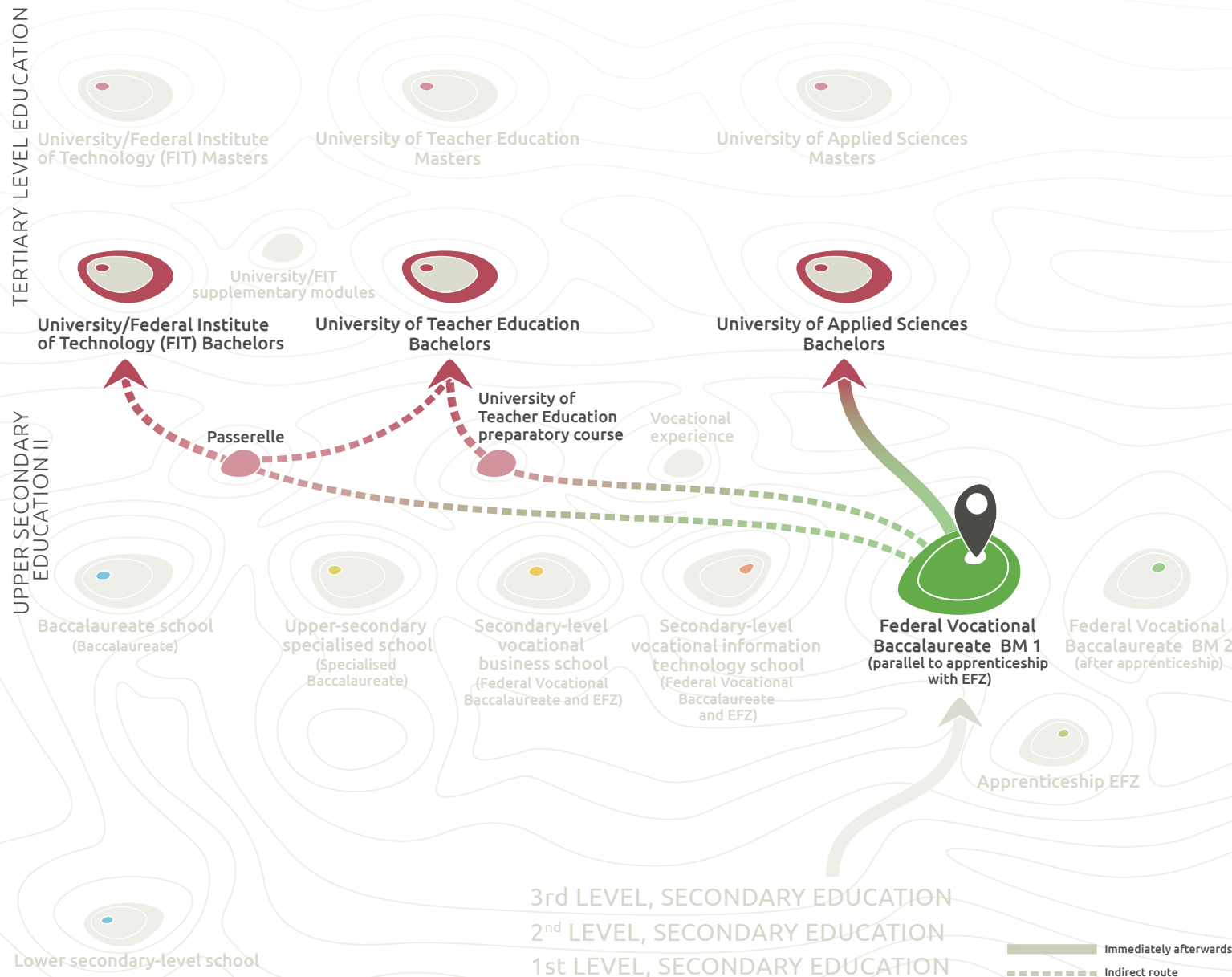
The BM forms part of upper-secondary vocational education and training and is therefore free.

## Qualification

Berufsmaturität

## Prospects

Employment; tertiary level professional education and training; Bachelor/Master FH, with supplementary education (Passarelle); Bachelor/Master at a Universitäre or Pädagogische Hochschule (UH, PH).



# Federal Vocational Baccalaureate BM 2

(Berufsmaturität BM 2)

The Berufsmaturität includes upper-secondary vocational education and training and an enhanced general education. It can be completed during an apprenticeship (BM1) or later, during continuing education (BM 2). The BM allows non-examined access to all Fachhochschule. After the student has passed the university aptitude test, the Berufsmaturität also provides access to Universitäre Hochschulen. It is also possible to study at a Pädagogische Hochschule (PH) after completing the PH preparatory course.

## Target group

The BM is aimed at good students who want to further their vocational and general knowledge during or after their apprenticeship and who would like, at a later date, to study at a Fachhochschule.

## Duration

The BM 2 qualification can be taken after completion of upper-secondary vocational education. A full-time course lasts 2 terms, extra-occupational courses take 3-4 terms. Some vocational education and training centres offer courses in order to prepare for the BM 2 entrance examination.

## Costs

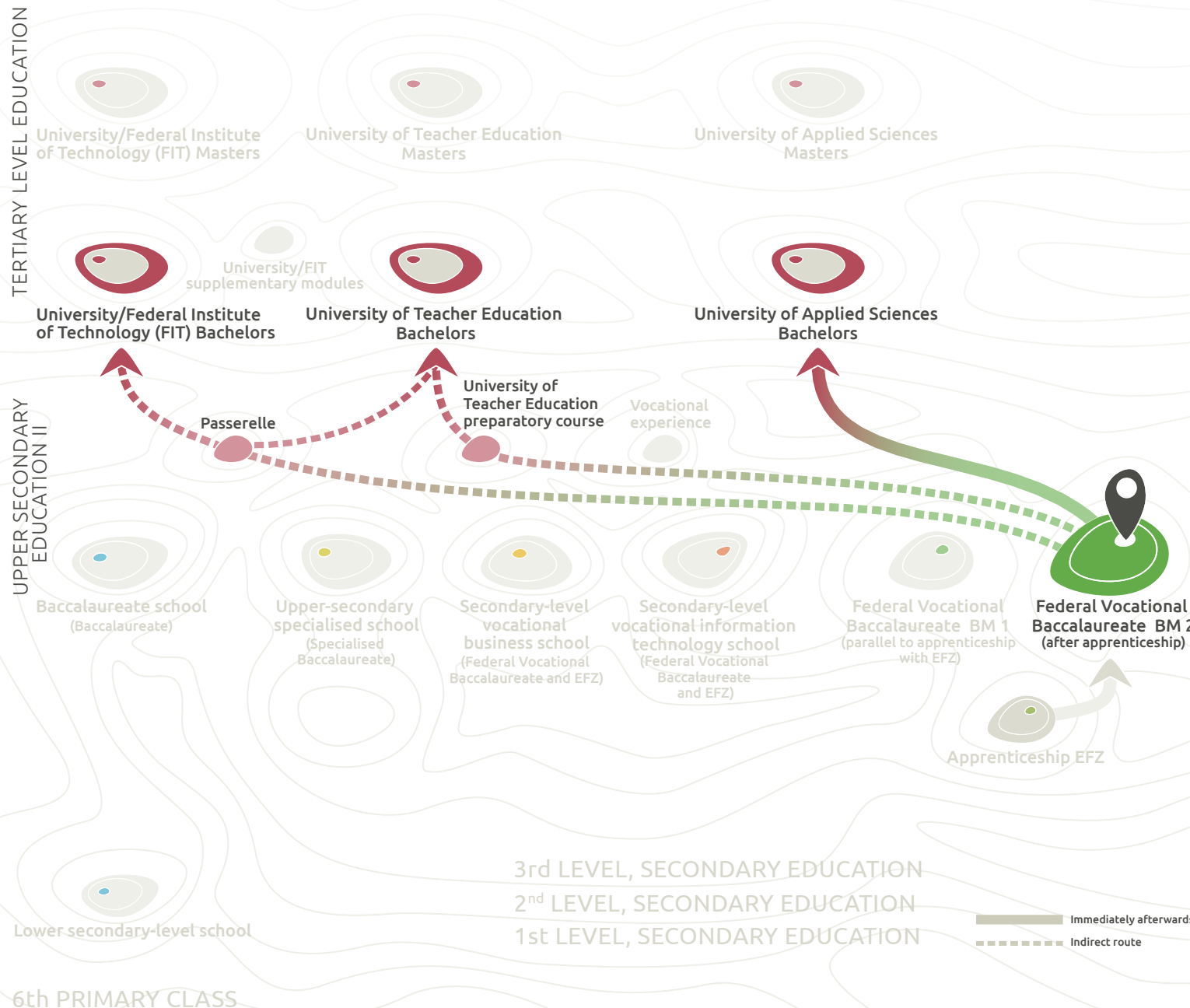
There is no charge for the BM 2 in the student's canton of residence under education grant law. To attend a BM 2 course outside this canton, students have to obtain a commitment to cover costs from the Amt für Berufsbildung in the canton of residence.

## Qualification

Berufsmaturität

## Prospects

Employment; tertiary level professional education and training; Bachelor/Master FH, with supplementary education (Passarelle); Bachelor/Master at a Universitäre or Pädagogische Hochschule (UH, PH).



# Passerelle

The Passerelle course prepares students who hold Berufsmaturität or Fachmaturität qualifications in one year for the university aptitude test. This provides access to all universities, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschulen and Pädagogischen Hochschulen in Switzerland and the University of Liechtenstein.

## Target group

The Passerelle course is aimed at people who would like to study at a university or Pädagogische Hochschule. The course is very demanding, especially where mathematics and natural sciences are concerned.

## Duration

October to September (full-time course)

## Costs

CHF 3,400 (including materials)

## Qualification

Proof that you have taken the Passerelle course does not equate to a qualification from a Gymnasium. When combined with a Berufsmaturitätszeugnis or a Fachmaturitätszeugnis, it gives access to all Swiss Universitäre Hochschulen and all courses.

## Prospects

Course of study at a university or Pädagogische Hochschule.

TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION

UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION II

Lower secondary-level school

6th PRIMARY CLASS

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Apprenticeship EFZ



# University of Teacher Education preparatory course

(Vorkurs PH)

## Target group

People who graduated from Berufsmaturitätsschule and Fachmittelschule, plus professional people who have completed a federally recognised apprenticeship and have at least three years' professional experience.

## Duration

Start: August (after the summer holidays)

End: end of May

## Costs

For students from the cantons of St.Gallen, Appenzell Innerrhoden, Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Glarus, Grisons and Liechtenstein: CHF 1,200, including registration and examination fees (without foreign languages). Visit [www.isme.ch](http://www.isme.ch) for further details.

## Qualification

The supplementary examination for admission to the pre-school and primary school teaching courses at Pädagogische Hochschulen is taken at the end of the course.

## Prospects

Access to pre-school and primary school teaching courses at the Pädagogische Hochschulen in the cantons of St.Gallen and Grisons.

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# Vocational experience

(Berufserfahrung)

In principle, it is possible to apply for any bachelor's degree programme at a Fachhochschule if you have the cantonal or Federal (Gymnasium) Maturität and have completed one year's traineeship in a subject covered by the chosen course.

## Target group

Gymnasium students who want to apply for an applied, practical degree course at a Fachhochschule.

## Duration

1 year

## Costs

None

## Qualification

No recognised qualification

## Prospects

Employment; Fachhochschule Bachelor's degree.

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# University/Federal Institute of Technology (FIT) Bachelors

(Bachelor Universität/ETH)

A Bachelor's degree at university provides a thorough academic education in the respective subject. At universities the focus is on in-depth consideration of theoretical principles and specialised methodology. A Bachelor's degree is worth 180 ECTS points. In most cases a Bachelor's degree is also intended to be an initial professional qualification and provides direct access to work.

## Target group

A university Bachelor's degree is usually aimed at people who have graduated from a Gymnasium, seeking an academic and theoretical education.

## Duration

Bachelor's degrees at university are usually full time (6 terms). Part-time courses are available only in exceptional cases.

## Costs

The total cost of a Bachelor's degree at university amounts to CHF 4,500 to 8,000, plus additional costs for course equipment, such as books and a laptop.

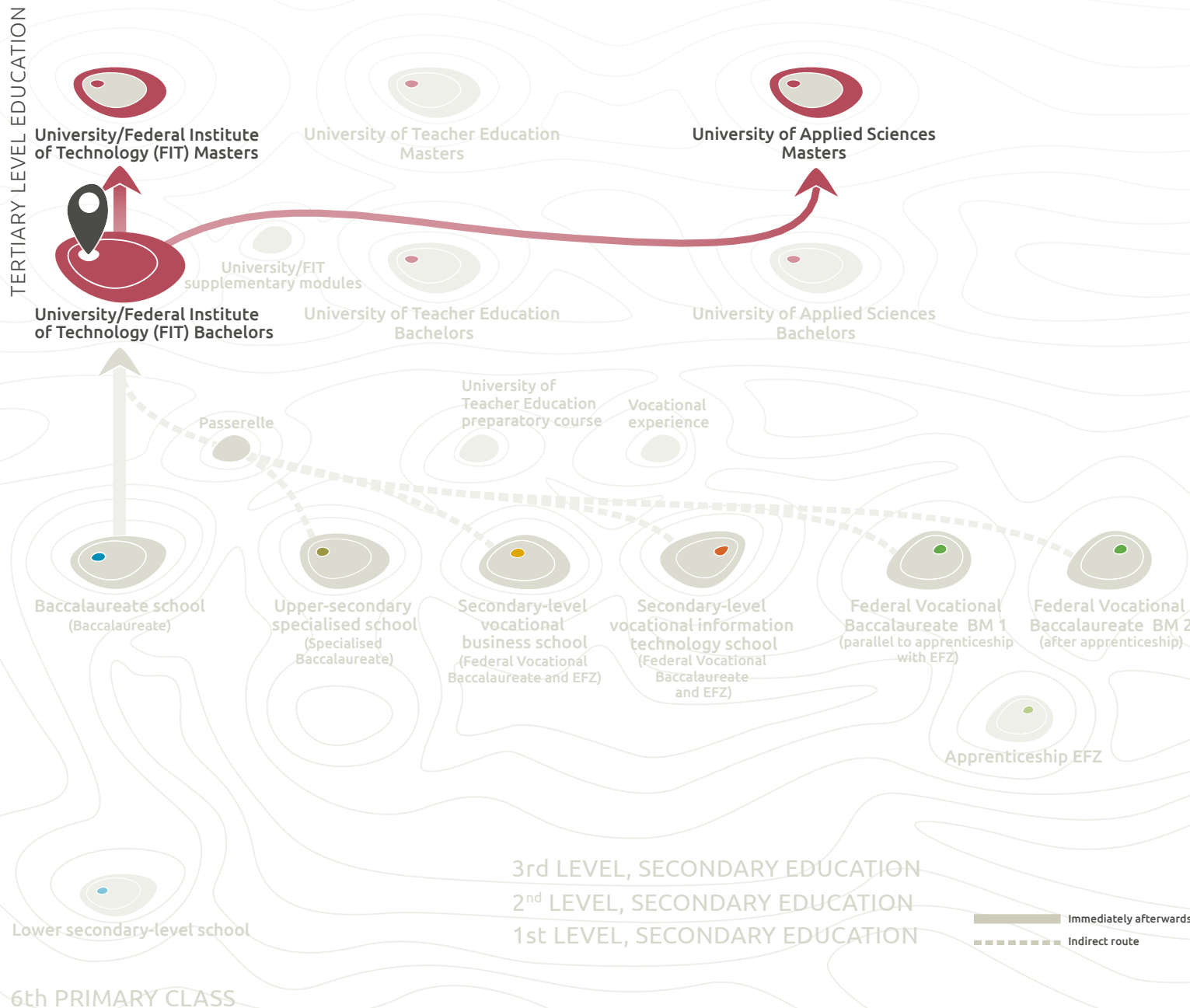
## Qualification

Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)

## Prospects

Generally a Master's degree at a Universitäre Hochschule; sometimes employment.

TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION



# University/Federal Institute of Technology (FIT) Masters

(Master Universität/ETH)

The Master's degree at university follows on from the Bachelor's course, it is the second stage, imparting specific, in-depth knowledge. A Master's is worth 90-120 ECTS points and is obtained by means of a Master's dissertation. Students who obtain good marks in their Master's at university can progress to a PhD.

## Target group

A Master's degree at university is aimed at people who want to focus academically on a key topic.

## Duration

3 to 4 terms full time; longer if extra-occupational or part time.

## Costs

The costs for a Master's are CHF 4,000 to 8,000.

## Qualification

MA (Master of Arts), MEng (Master of Engineering), MLaw (Master of Law), MMed (Master of Medicine), MSc (Master of Science), MTh (Master of Theology), depending on the subject.

## Prospects

Employment, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies.

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University/Federal Institute  
of Technology (FIT) Doctorate



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# University/Federal Institute of Technology (FIT) Doctorate

(Doktorat)

Doctorate (PhD) is the academic qualification that follows on from a Master's and is customarily awarded by universities. Recently it has become possible for Fachhochschulen to award PhDs. Admission to a doctorate is on an individual basis, with good marks only. For a doctorate the student has to produce another piece of academic research, the thesis, after the master's degree.

## Target group

Depending on the subject area, a doctoral degree is aimed at people who want to study a highly specific topic or area more closely.

## Duration

Usually 3 to 5 years.

## Costs

It is not possible to put a figure on this, as the doctorate is based on an individual agreement between the student and university.

## Qualification

PhD

## Prospects

Employment, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies.

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Apprenticeship EFZ

Lower secondary-level school

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# University of Teacher Education Bachelors

(Bachelor Pädagogische Hochschule)

A Bachelor's degree at a PH is intended to train pre-school and primary school teachers and is awarded together with a recognised teaching diploma. The Bachelor's is worth 180 ECTS points. The course focuses on subject teaching, teaching techniques and educational science. The course also places great emphasis on practical work. There is the possibility of switching to lower secondary level education by studying for a Master's after the Bachelor's. It is also possible to continue studying at Master's level at a Hochschule in special education or related fields.

## Target group

The Pädagogische Hochschulen appeal to people who would like to be teachers at a later date.

## Duration

6 terms full time; longer if extra-occupational or part time.

## Costs

In total the costs for a Bachelor's degree at a Pädagogische Hochschule amount to CHF 4,800, plus other costs for course materials such as books, a laptop and any residence abroad.

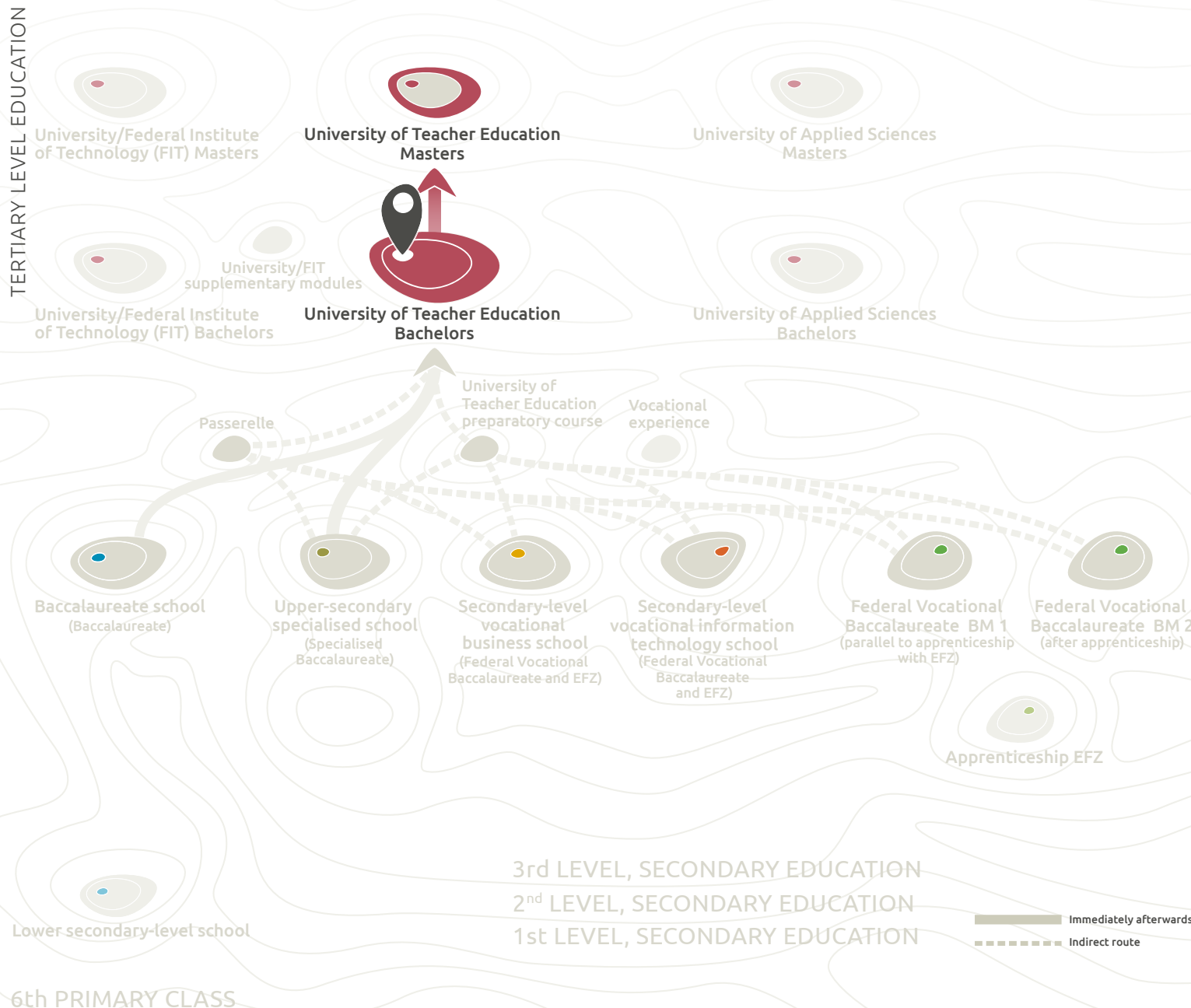
## Qualification

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, plus a teaching diploma recognised in Switzerland

## Prospects

Employment, Master PH, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies, additional teaching qualifications at a PH (complementary studies, Master Sek I, additional subject qualification).

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# University of Teacher Education Masters

(Master Pädagogische Hochschule)

The Master's at a PH means students can become a teacher at Sekundarstufe I (Oberstufe) and is awarded in conjunction with a recognised teaching diploma. Teachers teach several subjects at Sekundarstufe I. The number of subjects to be taught and the possible combination of subjects varies depending on the Pädagogische Hochschule. Significant parts of the course focus on specialist training with interdisciplinary features, pedagogical and educational science training. The course also places great emphasis on the practical aspects of teaching. After the Master's there is the option of further studies in an area of special education, or a related field at a Hochschule.

## Target group

The Pädagogische Hochschulen appeal to be people who would like to work as teachers.

## Duration

6 terms full time; longer if extra-occupational or part time.

## Kosten

The total cost of a Bachelor's degree at university amounts to CHF 4,500 to 8,000, plus additional costs for course equipment, such as books and a laptop.

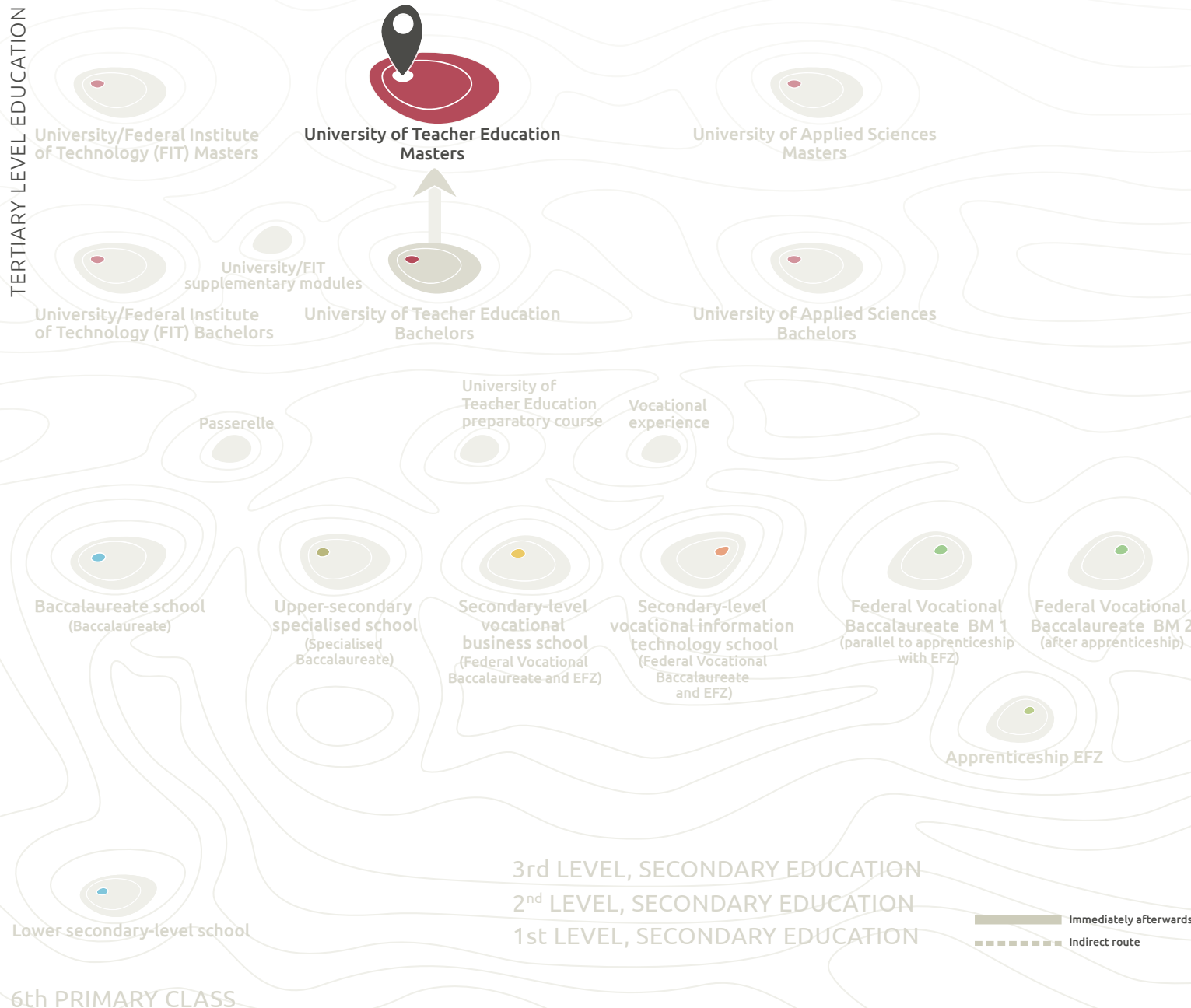
## Qualification

Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSC)

## Prospects

Employment, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies, complementary studies at a PH (subject specialisation).

TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION





# University of Applied Sciences Bachelors

(Bachelor Fachhochschule)

The Bachelor's is the first qualification at a Fachhochschule. Unlike universities, at a Fachhochschule the focus is on an applied course of study. The Bachelor's degree is worth 180 ECTS points and lasts three (full time) to four years (extra-occupational). After a Bachelor's degree the holder can either seek employment or study for a Master's.

## Target group

The Bachelor FH is aimed at people looking for practical, academic education and training.

## Duration

A full-time Bachelor's degree lasts 6 terms. It extends to at least 8 terms if completed whilst working.

## Costs

At state Fachhochschulen, the costs are approx. CHF 500 to CHF 800 per term. For private Fachhochschulen, the term fees can rise to approx. CHF 5,000 per semester, plus additional costs for course materials, such as books and a laptop.

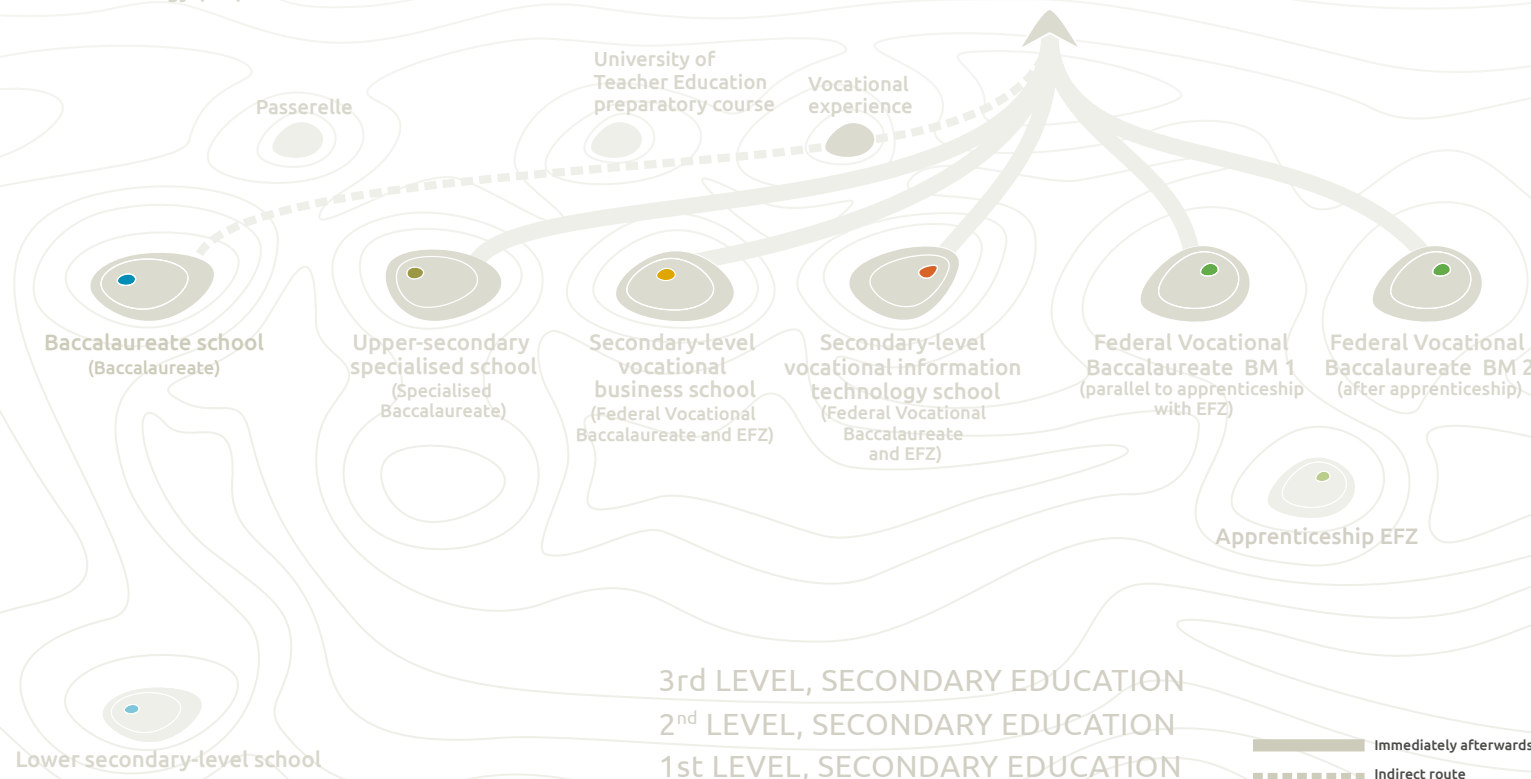
## Qualification

Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)

## Prospects

Employment, Master's, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies.

TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION



# University/FIT supplementary modules

(Zusatzmodule Universität/ETH)

A Bachelor's degree at a Fachhochschule can be supplemented by a Master's course in the same subject area at a university or ETH. The CRUS-KFH-COHEP concordance list details the subjects for which such a transfer is possible.

## Target group

Graduates with a good Bachelor's from a Fachhochschule, who want to pursue an academic career, a career as a lecturer, or specialise in a specific area of their subject that is not offered at the Fachhochschule.

## Duration

1 to 2 terms, depending on the number of credits to be acquired.

## Costs

ECTS points achieved in the modules taken, no other formal qualification

## Qualification

ECTS points achieved in the modules taken, no other formal qualification

## Prospects

Master's degree at a Swiss university or ETH. Possibility of study for a PhD after the Master's.

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University/Federal Institute of Technology (FIT) Doctorate

University/Federal Institute of Technology (FIT) Masters

University of Teacher Education Masters

University of Applied Sciences Masters

University/FIT supplementary modules

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University of Teacher Education Bachelors

University of Applied Sciences Bachelors

Passerelle

University of Teacher Education preparatory course

Vocational experience

Baccalaureate school (Baccalaureate)

Upper-secondary specialised school (Specialised Baccalaureate)

Secondary-level vocational business school (Federal Vocational Baccalaureate and EFZ)

Secondary-level vocational information technology school (Federal Vocational Baccalaureate and EFZ)

Federal Vocational Baccalaureate BM 1 (parallel to apprenticeship with EFZ)

Federal Vocational Baccalaureate BM 2 (after apprenticeship)

Apprenticeship EFZ

Lower secondary-level school

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# University of Applied Sciences Masters

(Master Fachhochschule)

The Master's at an FH builds on the Bachelor's degree and represents the second stage, imparting in-depth and specialist knowledge. The Master's is worth 90 to 120 ECTS points, with a Master's dissertation being required at the end. With a Master's degree it is possible to take on new roles and tasks in practice, in order to further develop theory and practice in the various disciplines, as required. A Master's at a FH furthermore provides access to doctoral programmes at foreign universities. In a recent development, it is now also possible to obtain a doctorate from selected Swiss FHs.

## Target group

The konsekutive Master FH (konsekutiv means consecutive, building on the Bachelor) is aimed at people who want to study a more specific subject area in greater depth after a Bachelor's degree.

## Duration

Usually 3 or 4 terms full time; longer if extra-occupational or part time.

## Costs

At state Fachhochschulen the costs are approx. CHF 800 to CHF 1,200 per term. For private Fachhochschulen, the fees can rise to approx. CHF 5,000.

## Qualification

Master of Arts; Master of Science

## Prospects

Employment, Certificate of Advanced Studies, Diploma of Advanced Studies, Master of Advanced Studies.

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