

Information to prospective MEd and PhD applicants of the Faculty of Education

1. You must apply for admission to the MEd/PhD programme. You can apply online or the application form can be downloaded by following the Postgraduate Studies links on the NWU webpage or use the following link:
<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/sites/studies.nwu.ac.za/files/files/postgrad/2020.Application-admission-form-2.pdf>

If you cannot submit your application electronically, save or print the completed form and submit the form at one of the following offices:

Potchefstroom Campus: MEd & PhD Admissions Office, Building F1, room 257, or you can send it by e-mail to HigherDegree-Enquiries@nwu.ac.za.

Mahikeng Campus: Building A1, office 119, or you can send it by e-mail to MC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za.

Vanderbijlpark Campus: Administration Building 24, room G12 and G34, or you can send it by e-mail to VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za.

2. Applications for admission to the MEd/PhD programme for next year open in May and close at the end of September of this year (**30 September of the current year for enrolment for next year**). Please ensure that your application is complete before 30 September. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
3. You have time until the end of April next year to register if your application is successful.
4. The minimum admission requirement is an average of 60% for your previous qualification as well as a minimum pass mark of 60% for the research modules in the BEdHons degree if you apply for the MEd programme. You need a relevant BEdHons degree in the discipline for which you wish to register for the MEd degree and a MEd degree in the discipline for which you wish to register for the PhD degree. Should you not have a relevant BEdHons degree for the MEd degree, or a relevant M degree for the PhD degree, further conditions for admissions will be set by the Faculty.
5. Your completed application will be evaluated by the relevant research entity or subject group and you will be informed of the outcome by the MEd/PhD Office during November. If your application is successful, the subject group will assign you a supervisor / promoter.
6. **It is also important to note that although you may meet all the admission requirements, your application may not be considered as successful due to other reasons, such as the Faculty's limited capacity to render effective supervision.**
7. Applicants must demonstrate acceptable levels of proficiency in computer and academic literacy and have adequate Internet access.
8. Training sessions will be presented during the year to empower and support you in your studies. We strongly recommend that these sessions be attended.
9. A student who has been admitted to the MEd/PhD programme must submit a research proposal to a Scientific Committee for approval within six (6) months after registration. The approved academic processes and administrative deadlines for submission must be adhered to.
10. An MEd degree should be completed in a minimum of one (1) year and a maximum of three (3) years for full-time students and four (4) years for part-time students, and a PhD degree should be completed in a minimum of two (2) years and a maximum of four (4) years for full-time students and five (5) years for part-time students. These are research degrees (no classes to attend and no examinations): you must write a dissertation/thesis, which will be examined at the end of your studies. The communication between you and your supervisor/promoter can either be in person and/or via electronic media, therefore these degrees can be done by distance. Please note that you should have adequate Internet access.
11. If you are working more than 15 hours per week, you must register as a part-time student. If you do not work or work less than 15 hours per week, you may register as a full-time student.
12. If you have obtained your qualification(s) from a non-South African higher education Institution, your qualification(s) must be evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Visit the SAQA website for more information. **International students should** contact:
Potchefstroom campus: Ms Annelishé van der Spoel from the International Office for more information about the required documents: +27 18 299 2919 or Annelishe.VanDerSpoel@nwu.ac.za.
Mahikeng Campus: Mr Peter Monyelo, Building A3, Block A, Office 247, Mahikeng campus, phone number +27 18 389 2575, and email Peter.Monyelo@nwu.ac.za
Vanderbijlpark Campus: 25459848@nwu.ac.za

13. For information about other financial support (Bursary and Loans) or online applications, visit the website:

<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/financial-support-services/nwu-postgraduate-bursary-scheme>

E-mail address: Mahikeng: MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za
Potchefstroom: NWU-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za
Vanderbijlpark: VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za

14. For a quotation regarding the costs of the degree, you can contact:

Mahikeng Campus:

Building: Administration Building A1
Tel: (018) 389 2503 / (018) 389 2478
E-mail: MC-Studyfees@nwu.ac.za

Potchefstroom Campus:

Building: Joon van Rooy Building F1, Building ground floor
Tel: (018) 299 2666 / (018) 299 2673
E-mail: PC-Studyfees@nwu.ac.za

Vanderbijlpark Campus:

Building: Administration Building 24
Tel: (016) 910 3234 / (016) 910 3456 / (016) 910 3167
E-mail: Vaalaccounts@nwu.ac.za

15. Apart from the other documents that must accompany your application, we also expect of you to submit a **letter of intent/mini-proposal for your proposed research (maximum two pages)** with your application. **Your application will not be considered without this document.**

In order to prepare this document, follow the following steps:

Visit the website of the Faculty of Education for the particular entity or project in which you wish to conduct your MEd/PhD research (see the table below) to learn more about the research focuses of the research entity or subject group). It is highly recommended that your proposed study links with the aims of the existing entities or research projects. The Faculty regards it as important that your proposed research topic strengthens the current research focuses of the faculty.

- Visit the webpages of the Faculty of Education and the various Research Entities within the Faculty and identify a research topic that will link with your research interest and the existing research projects within the faculty, keeping in mind your previous qualification.
- Write your letter of intent **for your proposed research** by following the guidelines below:
 - Formulate a **preliminary title** for your proposed research. The title should cover the research topic meaningfully and refer to the main aspects of the study.
 - Identify the research problem and describe it briefly. Thus, in this section, give a description of **what** you want to research.
 - Motivate **why** it is important to conduct the research. Explain why the research will be of particular relevance and how it will contribute towards the expansion of existing knowledge in the field of education and what the anticipated implications will be for teaching practice.
 - Explain **how** you will conduct the research, i.e. what methods you anticipate using to conduct the research.
- It is **your sole responsibility** to write this letter without the expectation of faculty guidance in this regard.

This letter of intent must be typed and must **not exceed two pages**. Please note that this letter of intent only serves as guidance for the committee to allocate a supervisor/promoter to you and will not disqualify you from study at the faculty. After acceptance of your application, the relevant Scientific Committee will use this letter of intent to guide them in order to assign a suitable supervisor/promoter. Higher Degrees Administration will notify you of the outcome of the application during November.

Further inquiries:

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RESEARCH ENTITIES IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Unit	Focus area	Niche	Niche
Edu-HRight Education and Human Rights in Diversity	SDL Self-Directed learning	Edu-Lead Education Leadership	COMBER Community-based Educational Research
Prof Johan Botha (Acting) 018 285 2265 Johan.Botha@nwu.ac.za See http://education.nwu.ac.za/edu-hright for subprojects	Prof Elsa Mentz 018 299 4780 Elsa.Mentz@nwu.ac.za See http://education.nwu.ac.za/sdl for subprojects	Prof Jan Heystek 018 299 1906 Jan.Heystek@nwu.ac.za See http://education.nwu.ac.za/Edu-Lead for subprojects	Prof Lesley Wood 018 299 4700 Lesley.Wood@nwu.ac.za See http://education.nwu.ac.za/comber for subprojects
MEd programmes relating to each of the research foci			
Curriculum Studies (including school subjects: English, Afrikaans, Setswana, Life Orientation, Geography, Technology, Economics, Arts, History) (4CC N01 - O801P)	Curriculum Studies (including school subjects: English, Afrikaans, Setswana, Life Orientation, Geography, Technology, Economics, Arts, History) (4CC N01 - O801P)	Education Management and Leadership (4CB N01 - O801P)	Education Psychology (4CH N01 - O801P)
Education Law (4CG N01 - O801P)	Computer Science Education (4CP N01 - O801P)		Special Needs Education (4CL N01 - O801P)
Special Needs Education (4CL N01 - O801P)	Mathematic Education (4CK N01 - O801P)		
Philosophy of Education (4CM N01 - O801P)	Physical Science Education with Natural Science Education (4CE N01 - O801P)		
Education Management and Leadership (4CB N01 - O801P)	Education Psychology (4CH N01 - O801P)		
PhD programmes relating to each of the research foci			
Curriculum Studies (including school subjects: English, Afrikaans, Setswana, Life Orientation, Geography, Technology, Economics, Arts, History) (4CA R03 - O901P)	Curriculum Studies (including school subjects: English, Afrikaans, Setswana, Life Orientation, Geography, Technology, Economics, Arts, History) (4CA R03 - O901P)	Education Management (4CA R06 - O901P)	Education Psychology (4CA R07 - O901P)
Education Law (4CA R05 - O901P)	Computer Science Education (4CA R02 - O901P)		Special Needs Education (4CA R14 - O901P)
Special Needs Education (4CA R14 - O901P)	Mathematic Education (404116 - O901P)		
Philosophy of Education (4CA R11 - O901P)	Natural Science Education (4CA R10 - O901P)		
Education Management (4CA R06 - O901P)	Education Psychology (4CA R07 - O901P)		

Subject groupings

Subject Groupings	Subject Group Chair	Telephone number	E-mail address
Curriculum Studies, Philosophy and Research Methodology Other school subjects:	Dr C Bosch	018 299 4768	Chantelle.Bosch@nwu.ac.za
English	Dr K Kaiser	018 299 4747	Kotie.Kaiser@nwu.ac.za
Afrikaans	Dr E Vos	018 299 4783	Elize.Vos@nwu.ac.za
Setswana	Ms D Dlavane	018 299 4745	Dolly.Dlavane@nwu.ac.za
Life Orientation	Dr L Botha	018 299 4462	Lettie.Botha@nwu.ac.za
Geography and Environmental Education	Prof C van der Westhuizen	018 299 4734	Christo.VanDerWesthuizen@nwu.ac.za
Technology	Mr J Kruger	016 910 3065	Jan.Kruger@nwu.ac.za
Economics	Ms V Petzer	016 910 3088	Vine.Petzer@nwu.ac.za
Arts	Dr M Meyer	018 299 1060	Merna.Meyer@nwu.ac.za
History	Dr B Bunt	016 910 3126	20172672@nwu.ac.za
Natural Sciences Education	Dr I Muller	016 910 3097	Irene.Muller@nwu.ac.za
Education Management	Dr M Fuller	018 285 2070	Molly.VanNiekerk@nwu.ac.za
Education Law	Prof E Serfontein	016 910 3458	Erika.Serfontein@nwu.ac.za
Educational Psychology	Dr M Neethling	018 285 2071	Marinda.Neethling@nwu.ac.za
Special Needs in Education	Dr M Neethling	018 285 2071	Marinda.Neethling@nwu.ac.za
Comparative Education	Dr L de Beer	018 299 2158	Louw.DeBeer@nwu.ac.za
Mathematics Education	Dr A Roux	018 299 1895	Annalie.Roux@nwu.ac.za
Movement Education	Prof D du Toit	018 299 1716	Dorita.DuToit@nwu.ac.za
Computer Science Education	Dr R Bailey	018 299 1475	Roxanne.Bailey@nwu.ac.za

MEd Programmes:

Programme Code / Programkode	Descriptive Name / Beskrywende naam	Campuses / Kampusse		
		P	V	M
4CC N01	Curriculum Studies / <i>Kurrikulumstudies</i>	√	√	
4CE N01	Physical Science Education / <i>Fisiese Wetenskaponderwys</i>	√		
4CB N01	Educational Management and Leadership / <i>Onderwysbestuur en Leierskap</i>	√	√	√
4CG N01	Education Law / <i>Onderwysreg</i>	√	√	
4CH N01	Educational Psychology / <i>Opvoedkundige Sielkunde</i>	√		
4CJ N01	International and Comparative Education / <i>Internasionale en Vergelykende Opvoedkunde</i>	√		
4CK N01	Mathematics Education / <i>Wiskunde-onderwys</i>	√		
4CL N01	Special Needs Education / <i>Onderwys vir Spesiale Behoeftes</i>	√	√	√
4CM N01	Philosophy of Education / <i>Filosofie van die Opvoeding</i>	√		
4CN N01	Physical Education / <i>Liggaamlike Opvoeding</i>	√		
4CP N01	Computer Science Education / <i>Rekenaarwetenskaponderwys</i>	√		

PhD Programmes:

Programme Code / Programkode	Descriptive Name / Beskrywende naam	Campuses / Kampusse		
		P	V	M
4CA R03	Curriculum Studies / <i>Kurrikulumstudies</i>	√	√	√
4CA R10	Natural Science Education / <i>Fisiese Natuurwetenskaponderwys</i>	√		
4CA R06	Educational Management / <i>Onderwysbestuur</i>	√	√	√
4CA R05	Education Law / <i>Onderwysreg</i>	√	√	
4CA R07	Educational Psychology / <i>Opvoedkundige Sielkunde</i>	√		
4CA R01	Comparative Education / <i>Vergelykende Opvoedkunde</i>	√		
4CA R09	Mathematics Education / <i>Wiskunde-onderwys</i>	√		
4CA R14	Special Needs Education / <i>Onderwys vir Spesiale Behoeftes</i>	√	√	√
4CA R11	Philosophy of Education / <i>Filosofie van Opvoedkunde</i>	√		
4CA R12	Physical Education / <i>Liggaamlike Opvoeding</i>	√		
4CA R02	Computer Science Education / <i>Rekenaarwetenskaponderwys</i>	√		