

## 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za).

2. Applications for admission to the MEd/PhD programme for next year 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 and submitted 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, further conditions for admissions will be set by the Faculty. No student without an applicable MEd degree will be accepted for a PhD degree.
5. **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.**
6. Applicants must demonstrate acceptable levels of proficiency in computer and academic literacy and have adequate Internet access.
7. Training sessions will be presented during the year to empower and support you in your studies. We strongly recommend that these sessions be attended.
8. 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.
9. 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 a maximum of 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 a maximum of 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 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](mailto:Annelishe.VanDerSpoel@nwu.ac.za).

**E-mail address:** Mahikeng Campus: [Eddy.Masemola@nwu.ac.za](mailto:Eddy.Masemola@nwu.ac.za)

Vanderbijlpark Campus: [25459848@nwu.ac.za](mailto:25459848@nwu.ac.za)

12. 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](mailto:MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za)

Potchefstroom: [NWU-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za](mailto:NWU-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za)

Vanderbijlpark: [VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za](mailto:VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za)

13. 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](mailto:MC-Studyfees@nwu.ac.za)

**Potchefstroom Campus:**

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14. 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.

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	Unit	Niche	Niche
<b>Edu-HRight</b> Education and Human Rights in Diversity	<b>SDL</b> Self-Directed learning	<b>Edu-Lead</b> Education Leadership	<b>COMBER</b> Community-based Educational Research
<b>Prof Johan Botha (Acting)</b> 018 285 2265 <a href="mailto:Johan.Botha@nwu.ac.za">Johan.Botha@nwu.ac.za</a> See <a href="http://education.nwu.ac.za/edu-hright">http://education.nwu.ac.za/edu-hright</a> for subprojects	<b>Prof Elsa Mentz</b> 018 299 4780 <a href="mailto:Elsa.Mentz@nwu.ac.za">Elsa.Mentz@nwu.ac.za</a> See <a href="http://education.nwu.ac.za/sdl">http://education.nwu.ac.za/sdl</a> for subprojects	<b>Prof Jan Heystek</b> 018 299 1906 <a href="mailto:Jan.Heystek@nwu.ac.za">Jan.Heystek@nwu.ac.za</a> See <a href="http://education.nwu.ac.za/Edu-Lead">http://education.nwu.ac.za/Edu-Lead</a> for subprojects	<b>Prof Lesley Wood</b> 018 299 4700 <a href="mailto:Lesley.Wood@nwu.ac.za">Lesley.Wood@nwu.ac.za</a> See <a href="http://education.nwu.ac.za/comber">http://education.nwu.ac.za/comber</a> for subprojects
<b>MEd programmes relating to each of the research foci</b>			
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)		
<b>PhD programmes relating to each of the research foci</b>			
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	Dr C Bosch	018 299 4768	<a href="mailto:Chantelle.Bosch@nwu.ac.za">Chantelle.Bosch@nwu.ac.za</a>
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English	Dr K Kaiser	018 299 4747	<a href="mailto:Kotie.Kaiser@nwu.ac.za">Kotie.Kaiser@nwu.ac.za</a>
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