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Message from the Dean

The Faculty of Education on the Groenkloof Campus attracts the best and brightest students who have the potential to exert a significant impact on the South African educational landscape.

Our students are leaders who are full of confidence and are equipped with a superb set of educational and professional skills. Their 'set of skills' is, however, not their most important attribute as graduates of the Faculty of Education. Their inclination towards critical scholarship, their subject expertise, their fully engaged citizenship and high scientific literacy are the attributes that will enable them to make a difference in education.

The Groenkloof Campus is home to more than 3 500 undergraduate education students and, from this group, approximately 500 to 800 of our students graduate to enter the teaching profession annually. It is clear that education is a high priority in a country in which some studies have shown that only 7% of matriculants enter public higher education, 12% enter other forms of further and higher education, 30% acquire a job and a total of 51% of the youth are unemployed. Education is clearly a priority.

The Faculty of Education is ranked in the top 200 in the World on the QS World University rankings; it is rated as the top educational faculty in South Africa in terms of the number of NRF-rated researchers; the Faculty is internationally recognised for its academic reputation, employer reputation and citations of research. Networks exist with both local and international universities including universities in the USA, China, Australia, Canada and Europe.

The Faculty of Education takes its responsibility to deliver top-quality graduates for the education sector seriously. We live in a time in which the age-old principles of effective education have become even more crucial to progress and development – and our graduates play an essential role in this respect.

To achieve this, teaching is by far the most meaningful way to occupy our time and it is the shortest route to long-term success



Prof Irma Eloff
Dean: Faculty of Education

for any nation, community, family or individual. As a professional field of study, it is one of those treasured sectors in which one can have a true sense of being able to influence the future on a daily basis. In addition, the field of education has the ability to span all scientific fields of study known in the world.

This is the one sector that will make an impression on the lives of future doctors, engineers, accountants, lawyers, teachers, philosophers, artists, musicians, sport heroes, presidents and royalty. This means that we have to seek excellence in everything we do.

We believe that, as a Faculty, we have much to offer in order to strengthen education in this country, to facilitate access to education for students and to deliver inspirational, caring and expert teachers.

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Undergraduate programmes

Important information on undergraduate programmes for 2017

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Prospective students with an APS of 26-29 must write the National Benchmark Test (NBT). Final admission is determined by the Admissions Committee of the Faculty and is based on the results of the NBT.
- As soon as candidates are admitted to the BEd degree, they will be informed that they must register at the University in January of the following year. It is in the interest of prospective students to apply as soon as possible, particularly in respect of financial support and/or residence placement.

University of Pretoria website www.up.ac.za
National Benchmark Test website www.nbt.ac.za

Programme	Minimum requirements for 2017													
	Achievement level										APS			
	Afrikaans or English													
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level										
BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) – Pre-primary to Grade 3 [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August Careers: Teachers and training officials in pre-primary or primary schools	4	3	D	D										30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
BEd (Intermediate Phase Teaching) – Grades 4 to 6 [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August Careers: Teachers and training officials in primary schools	4	3	D	D										30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Phase Teaching) – Grades 7 to 12 [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August Careers: Teachers and training officials in primary or secondary schools	Choose one of the elective packages below													
Elective packages	Minimum requirements for 2017													
	Achievement level												APS	
	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science					
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level		
General package BEd (Senior and Further Education and Training Phase Teaching)	4	3	D	D	-				-				30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)	
Natural Sciences package BEd (Senior and Further Education and Training Phase Teaching)	4	3	D	D	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)	
Economic and Management Sciences package BEd (Senior and Further Education and Training Phase Teaching)	4	3	D	D	4	3	D	D	-				30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)	



Catherine Reynders comes from a very supportive family. She matriculated in 2012 with seven distinctions and in her first year at UP she passed with 13 distinctions. She is currently in her second year and is a Skanduka bursary holder. Catherine recently won the Cyril Ramaphosa Education Trust Top Achiever Award.

She has both Mathematics and Business as electives and has not decided whether she will focus on Mathematics or Educational Psychology in her third year.

‘I have never regretted my decision to study teaching and I will do whatever it takes to become a Grade 12 Mathematics teacher. I also want to further my knowledge in the field of Educational Psychology. I am an observer and a problem solver, and I would love to dedicate myself to the upliftment of education in South Africa, a domain which I feel is overlooked and undervalued.’



Catherine has been dancing since the age of three and completed advanced examinations in modern dancing and ballet. She still participates in open ballet and contemporary classes. Through the NB Dance Company Catherine became a Blue Bulls babe and cheerleader, participating in various corporate events arranged by the Bulls and enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of rugby.

Undergraduate programmes



As a child, **Karen Schneider** struggled with dyslexia and had to work very hard to pass. With the support of her parents and teachers she overcame the problem and completed Grade 12 and *Abitur* (German Grade 12) at the *Deutsche Schule Pretoria*.

Teachers and therapists told her parents she would never be able to undertake tertiary studies, but Karen not only proved them wrong, she flourished academically and received several academic awards:

- In 2009, Karen won the award for Best Art Education student – a two-month stay in Paris sponsored by the South African National Association for the Visual Arts (SANAVA).
- In 2010 she received the Vice-Chancellor and Principal’s Award – the highest award any final-year student can receive and she was awarded membership of the Golden Key International Honour Society.
- The most recent award she received was the Anton Rupert Scholarship to the value of R40 000.

Karen completed her BEd Honours (Educational Psychology) with distinction in 2012 and in 2013 enrolled for an MEd (Educational Psychology), which includes classes, assignments, practical work, an internship (at the *Deutsche Schule Pretoria*), research and a mini-dissertation. The title of her dissertation is ‘Determining how a grandparent-headed family expresses family resilience.’

‘Having goals is extremely important. I always set new goals and challenges for myself. I am keen on lecturing and presenting workshops, because teaching and sharing knowledge are an important part of my identity. One day I would like to open my own practice and work with children using expressive arts therapy.’

‘With a German dad and a British mom, I am proudly South African. My parents are my biggest inspiration, but I also acknowledge the role my boyfriend, Pieter, and my friends have played in my success. Two other persons I want to mention are Mr Peter Binsbergen and Ms Annelise Roos, who believed in me and taught me that passion and hard work go together. I have great respect for my postgraduate lecturers in the Department of Educational Psychology. Their support and commitment to outstanding supervision make them unique.’

Undergraduate programmes

The Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria continues to develop into one of the largest and most diverse units in South Africa for the initial and advanced training of education professionals from across the world. A distinguishing characteristic of the Faculty is that it not only trains pre-service teachers, but also educational psychologists, principals, researchers, programme evaluators, curriculum designers, computer education and training experts, assessment specialists, education policy analysts, community development workers and education law advisors working in national and international agencies and organisations.

Purpose of the Bachelor of Education degree

The purpose of the qualification is to produce teachers who are competent to teach in the particular phase as further specified by the respective qualifiers.

Preparation for a career in education

The future of South Africa lies in the education of its people. A career in education is not only challenging and rewarding, but also crucial for the growth and development of the nation. In order to prepare teachers, educational psychologists, managers and policy-makers for this huge challenge, the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria offers qualifications that are both innovative and relevant.

Students are equipped to face new challenges when practising the profession. Few careers are as rewarding as education, and there is no better place to embark on your future career than at the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria. Exciting undergraduate programmes for teacher training are offered.

Bachelor of Education (BEd) programmes and modules

Fundamental modules for all programmes

- Academic Information Management
- Literacies in Education

BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) – Pre-primary to Grade 3

Core modules	Elective modules One language elective up to second-year level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Foundation Phase Studies ▪ Learning Support ▪ Life Skills modules ▪ Literacy modules ▪ Foundation Phase Mathematics ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Teaching Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IsiZulu ▪ Sepedi ▪ IsiNdebele ▪ Setswana

BEd (Intermediate Phase Teaching) – Grades 4 to 6

Core modules	Elective modules One language elective up to second-year level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Learning Support ▪ Professional Studies ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Teaching Practice ▪ Conversational competence in an African Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of four African languages/English/Afrikaans ▪ Mathematics (achievement level of at least 4 in Grade 12 required) ▪ Geography/History ▪ Art Education ▪ Music Education ▪ Natural Science and Technology ▪ Life Orientation and Human Movement Studies

Undergraduate programmes/General information

BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Phase Teaching) – Grades 7 to 12

Core modules	Elective modules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Professional Studies Research Methodology Teaching Practice Conversational competence in an African Language 	One language elective up to second-year level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of four African languages/English/Afrikaans Mathematics (achievement level of at least 5 in Grade 12 required) Geography History Religion Studies or Psychology Computer Application Technology Art Education Music Education Life Orientation and Human Movement Studies Heritage and Cultural Tourism Business Management

Grade 12 subject requirements for elective modules

Elective modules for the following packages	Requirements
Economic and Management Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics* Business Management Heritage and Cultural Tourism Financial Accounting* Economics* Computer Application Technology* 	Economic and Management Sciences *Learners must pass Mathematics in Grade 12 with a minimum of 50% (See module pre-requisites in the 2017 Faculty of Education Yearbook.)
Natural Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Botany Zoology Chemistry Physics 	Natural Sciences Learners must pass both Mathematics and Physical Sciences in Grade 12 with at least 60%.

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General information

Visit www.up.ac.za > 'Study at UP' > 'Undergraduate students' for information on the following:

- Study information
- Calculate your Admission Point Score (APS)
- Closing dates
- Fees and Funding
- Special offer for top academic achievers
- Apply at Tuks
- Change or add a programme
- National Benchmark Test (NBT)
- Application status
- Prepare to study at Tuks
- Registration and start of the academic year

UP Open Day

Date 23 May 2016
 Time 08:00–14:00

The following persons should attend the UP Open Day:

- Learners in Grade 12 who already received confirmation that they are provisionally admitted to UP.
- Learners in Grade 12 who meet the admission requirements and wish to hand in their application forms.
- Learners in Grade 11 who are fairly certain they will apply at UP
- Parents of the above learners