University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MEd (09250004)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180

Programme information

Students can choose one of the following focus areas:

- Science, Mathematics and Technology Education (09250004)
- Humanities Education (09250005)
- Early Childhood Education (09250006)
- Education Management and Policy Studies (09250007)

Admission requirements

A candidate can be admitted if he/she complies with the following requirements:

- a BEdHons degree/BEd (Postgraduate); or
- an applicable honours degree and a teacher's diploma; and
- have achieved an average of at least 60% in the honours or related examination.

Senate may:

- grant a graduate of another university (either in South Africa or elsewhere) a status at the University that is equivalent to the status the student has at such other university;
- admit a person who has passed examinations at another university or institution (either in South Africa or elsewhere) which Senate deems equivalent to or higher than the examinations prescribed for a degree at the University which are set as a prerequisite for admission to a particular postgraduate study programme or for the admission of such a person as a research student;
- admit a person who in another manner has reached a standard of competence Senate considers adequate for the purposes of postgraduate study or research at the University as a student for a postgraduate degree or certificate.

Additional requirements

Selection is based on:

- meeting the minimum academic requirements required for admission;
- previous academic performance;
- applicable academic and/or teaching background;
- availability of supervision for the required research project;
- proven academic potential which may include academic communication and computer application skills;
- additionally, an interview may be requested;
- the requirements of professional registration bodies; and

- the discretion of the relevant head of department.

Other programme-specific information

- Renewal of registration after the two-year period is permitted only under special circumstances in which case the head of department may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period in terms of the set procedures.
- Students will be granted two opportunities to pass NMQ 800. Unsuccessful candidates will not be allowed to continue with the programme.
- This requirement applies to both the full research as well as the coursework master's degrees.

Research information

All master's students must submit a dissertation or a mini-dissertation and must pass Research Proposal (NMQ 800). For the MEd research degree programmes, a dissertation on a topic approved by the Dean on the recommendation of the relevant head of department must be submitted, following the approval of a complete research proposal. A literature study is not acceptable.

- One publishable article based on the research that the student conducted for the dissertation or the mini-dissertation and approved by the supervisor, must be submitted. The article must be submitted at the offices of Student Administration before 15 February for the Autumn graduation ceremonies and before 15 July for the Spring graduation ceremonies.
- In addition to the copies referred to above, each successful student must submit a bound paper copy as well as two electronic copies of the approved mini-dissertation/dissertation to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the Faculty and in accordance with the minimum standards set by the Department of Library Services
- (see http://upetd.up.ac.za/authors/ publish/ standards.htm#specs), before 15 February for the Autumn graduation ceremonies and before 15 July for the Spring graduation ceremonies. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the degree being awarded during a subsequent series of graduation ceremonies.
- All students have to submit a research proposal during the first year of registration and defend it successfully before a panel of examiners appointed by the Dean, in collaboration with the relevant head of department, Supervisor and Research Coordinator, before they can start with the research.
- Students have to apply for ethical clearance to the relevant head of department and Ethics Committee and only commence with field work once the application for ethical clearance has been approved by the Ethics Committee.
- Students have to present a progress report on the research to the supervisor annually. Continued reregistration depends on satisfactory annual progress.
- All students have to attend the research capacity building sessions on quantitative and qualitative research at master's level.

Pass with distinction

The MEd degree is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains at least 75% in the dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 180

NMQ 801 (Research proposal) and NWT 890 for Science & Maths, or HUE 890 for Humanities, or ECD 890 for Early Childhood, or OWB 891 for Edu. Management and Policy Studies (Dissertation) should be selected in the 1st year. When NMQ 801 (Research proposal) has been passed in the 1st year, only Dissertation should be selected again in the final year. Students will be granted two opportunities to pass NMQ 801 (Research proposal).

Fundamental modules

Research proposal 801 (NMQ 801)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Humanities Education
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Development of a research proposal. Research methodology. Overview and principles of quantitative and qualitative research methodology. Data collection methods, data analysis methods, paradigm analysis and theoretical frameworks for educational studies. Global theoretical perspectives in education.

Core modules

Dissertation: Science, mathematics and technology education 890 (NWT 890)

Module credits	180.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Science Mathematics and Technology Education
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A dissertation conducted under supervision of a supervisor in the area of science, mathematics and technology education.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Fundamental modules

Research proposal 801 (NMQ 801)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Humanities Education
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Development of a research proposal. Research methodology. Overview and principles of quantitative and qualitative research methodology. Data collection methods, data analysis methods, paradigm analysis and theoretical frameworks for educational studies. Global theoretical perspectives in education.

Core modules

Dissertation: Science, mathematics and technology education 890 (NWT 890)

Module credits	180.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Science Mathematics and Technology Education
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A dissertation conducted under supervision of a supervisor in the area of science, mathematics and technology education.

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