

Faculty of Education

Fakulteit Opvoedkunde Lefapha la Thuto

Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching



Make today matter

The purpose of the programme is to train teachers for the Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching Phase. Apart from the Core and Fundamental subjects that are prescribed for this programme, students can choose electives (from a prescribed list) according to the following rules:

- Three subjects are to be taken in the first year, two are taken to second year and one to third-year level. There are exceptions to this rule, especially in Mathematics and Sciences. The exceptions are clearly described in a document called the Faculty of Education yearbook.
- Two electives for FET teaching and one elective for Senior Phase (SP) teaching or one elective for FET teaching and two electives for SP teaching.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidate is a person who has passed matric with subjects they are keen to teach. Successful candidates should, however be dedicated and hardworking, and passionate about teaching and learning.

Students who excel in this programme:

- are willing to work hard and independently;
- take responsibility for their studies;
- are prepared to ask for help when needed;
- are prepared to make responsible choices; and
- believe in teaching as a profession and a calling.



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What makes this programme unique?

The programme has SAQA accreditation and qualifies a successful student as both a subject and a teaching specialist.

Through Work Integrated Learning, the student gets practical experience in schools, giving them the confidence to stand as a well-equipped professional in front of a class from their first day.



Career opportunities

Teachers and training officials in primary or secondary schools.



Structure of programme

Core modules

- Education
- Professional studies
- Research methodology
- Teaching practice
- Conversational competence in an African language

Elective modules

- One of four African languages/English/Afrikaans
- Mathematics (an achievement level of at least 5 in the final NSC/IEB examination is required)
- Mathematics Literacy (an achievement level of at least 4 in Mathematics in the final NSC/IEB examination is required)
- Geography
- History
- Engineering graphics and design
- Art education
- Life orientation and human movement studies
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences

For Senior Phase only

- Design and technology
- Natural sciences (an achievement level of at least 5 in Mathematics and Physical Sciences in NSC/IEB is required)
- Senior Phase Mathematics (an achievement level of at least 4 in NSC/IEB is required)

Minimum admission requirements

	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026			
December 2	Achievement level			
Programmes	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS		
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Additional subject requirements for elective modules in Physical Sciences or Life Sciences are Physical Sciences, passed with an achievement level of 5 (60%–69%), and Mathematics passed with an achievement level of 5 (60%–69%) in the final NSC/IEB examination.	4			
Careers: Teachers and training officials at primary or secondary schools				



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Minimum requirements for applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa)





Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or click here for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

	Minimum requirements for 2026										
	Achievement level										
			GCSE # The qualifications in the		AS Level	A Level	IB				
		two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/or registration.									
FACULTY OF EDUCATION	Compulsory subjects	CIE	UK	HIGCSE NSSC HL	GCE CIE	GCE CIE	IB SL	IB HL	KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE	
Programmes	Subjects	IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE EGCSE O Level NSSC OL CGCE	England Wales Northern Ireland Pearson Edexcel GCSE	N35C IIE	NSSC AS	CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE			ABITOR		
		UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE									
Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education											
Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching [Grade R to Grade 3]											
Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching [Grades 4 to 6]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	
Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching [Grades 7 to 12]—General											
Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching [Grades 7 to 12]—Physical Sciences or Life Sciences option	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry or Biology*	D C C	3 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	D C C	E E E	2 4 4 4	2 3 3 3	50-59% 60-69% 60-69% 60-69%	C+ B B B	
Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences [1 year]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	
Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences** [2 years]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	

[#] Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be considered for final admission.
* Offer both PHYSICS and CHEMISTRY or BIOLOGY and another subject on A Level or AS Level
** The Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences programme is a part-time online programe.