

BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)

The BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) programme entails the teaching of young children between 3 and 9 years. Students doing the programme have a choice to specialise in Early Childhood Development (3 to 6 years) or Foundation Phase (Grade 1 to 3) fields.

Students gain admission to the programme with appropriate combinations of recognised NSC subjects and certain levels of achievement in the said subjects.

In this regard, the determination of an admission point score (APS) is explained. In addition, a summary of faculty-specific requirements, ie the APS and the specific subjects required, is presented in the yearbook and programme. The calculation of the APS is based on a candidate's achievement in six 20-credit subjects using the NSC ratings – that is, the 1 to 7 scale of achievement. The highest APS that can be achieved is 42.



Who is the ideal candidate?



Students who are compassionate, hardworking, and committed to the teaching profession excel in this programme.

Career opportunities



Teachers and training officials in pre-primary or primary schools.

What makes this programme unique?



The BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) degree programme is accredited. Students completing this degree programme possess diverse pedagogic skills to teach different learning areas (Home language, First additional language, Mathematics, and Life Skills) and differentiate the curriculum for access by learners in schools.

Additionally, the programme equips the student with unique skills and attributes to identify learning difficulties during formational stages of development and provide interventions for learning success.

Structure of programme



Core modules

- Education
- Research project
- Teaching practice (Work Integrated Learning)
- Foundation phase Mathematics
- Literacy practice: English or Literacy practices: Afrikaans (Geletterheidspraktyke)
- Human movement studies
- Methodology of learning support
- Learning support
- Arts and culture (music and art)
- Natural sciences and technology
- Life skills programme
- Health and safety
- Conversational competence in an African language (for students taking English and Afrikaans as an elective)

Elective modules

One language elective up to second-year level:

- English
- Afrikaans
- isiZulu
- Sepedi
- isiNdebele
- Setswana

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2023	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) [Pre-primary to Grade 3] [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August Applications can be closed earlier if the institutional targets are met.	4	28
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