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Faculty of Education

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BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)



Make today matter

The BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) programme trains students to teach young children between the ages of three and nine years. Students completing this programme can choose to specialise in either Early Childhood Development (three to six years) or Foundation Phase (Grades 1 to 3). Students gain admission to the programme with appropriate combinations of recognised NSC subjects and certain levels of achievement in those subjects.

The determination of the admission point score (APS) is explained and a summary of faculty-specific requirements, ie the APS and the specific subjects required, is provided 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 are the ideal candidates?

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



Career opportunities

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



What makes this programme unique?

The BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) degree programme is accredited. Students who have completed this degree programme possess diverse pedagogic skills that enable them to teach different learning areas (Home Language, First Additional Language, Mathematics and Life Skills) and differentiate the curriculum for access by learners in schools.

Furthermore, the programme equips students with the unique skills and attributes required to identify learning difficulties during the 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 (Geletterdheidspraktyke)
- 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/IEB for 2024	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) [Grade R to Grade 3] [4 years]	4	28
Careers: Teachers and training officials at pre-primary or primary schools		

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