BEd Hons Education Management, Law and Policy (Distance Education) (09240081)

Duration of study   2 years

Programme information

It is not possible to meet the training needs of teaching staff in South Africa through contact tuition only. Therefore, the Faculty of Education has been offering programmes in a distance education delivery mode for a number of years. To ensure that distance education students can depend on the same quality academic programmes and levels of service quality as contact students, a Unit for Distance Education has been established in the Faculty to manage the distance programmes of the Faculty.

This is a paper-based programme-, supported by academic contact sessions and is presented in a distance education mode.

Admission requirements

Subject to the stipulations of General Regulations G1.3 and G.62, a candidate can be admitted if he/she holds one of the following qualifications:

(i)   A bachelor's degree and a teacher's diploma (eg. BA + HED);

(ii)   A four-year composite degree in Education [eg. BA (Ed)];

(iii)   An M+4 teacher's diploma or an M+3 teacher's diploma and a Further Diploma in Education (FDE) or an Advanced Certificate in Education (ACE);

(iv)   Another academic qualification (i.e. in Occupational Therapy or Educational Psychology) considered by the Dean to be sufficient for admission to a specific programme. (In this case, the qualification will not be recognised for teaching purposes.)

Other programme-specific information

The learning materials are available only in English. Assignments and examination papers may, however, be answered in Afrikaans.

Students have two contact sessions with lecturers per year. These contact sessions take place over a period of at least three (consecutive) days at the different centres countrywide and provide important learning support opportunities for students. It is the student's own responsibility to arrange for his/her own transport, accommodation and food during contact sessions and examinations.

General requirements
Students must complete and submit at least two assignments per module. These assignments are support mechanisms for students in their studies. Assignments are compulsory and contribute 30% towards the final mark.

If a student failed the examination in a module twice, the student will be de-registered for that module and will have to reregister for the module. A student who reregisters for a module has to pay the fees for that module again, and will have to resubmit both assignments 1 and 2. Assignment marks obtained previously will not be carried over.

A student in the honours programme may only reregister for a module once. If a student does not pass the module after the second registration, he/she will be de-registered from the whole programme, and will not be allowed to continue his/her studies for this degree at the University of Pretoria. (Also consult General Regulation G.18.)The learning materials are available only in English. Assignments and examination papers may, however, be answered in Afrikaans.

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Examinations and pass requirements

Examinations take place twice a year (during April and October) at examination centers countrywide. Students must register for examinations as stipulated under faculty-specific regulations.

A final mark of at least 50% is required to pass a module. The final mark is calculated by using the following three marks: assignment 1 = 10%; assignment 2 = 20% and the examination/project = 70%.

Research information

A research project is compulsory, and must be prepared according to the require-ments of the specific department and submitted for assessment. Both assignments for the project are compulsory. The project will contribute 70% towards the final mark.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75%, with a minimum of 70% in each module.

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The General Regulations (G Regulations) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the General Rules section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.