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Field of specialisation

- Community Psychology of Education
- Comparative Education and International Studies
- Curriculum Studies
- Early Childhood Development and Learning
- Education Law
- Education Management and Leadership
- Philosophy of Education
- Policy Studies in Education
- Psychology of Education
- Subject Education in Languages
- Subject Education in Mathematics
- Subject Education in Natural Sciences
- Subject Education in Science and Technology
- Subject Education in Social Sciences
- Higher Education Studies

Admission requirements

To be admitted to this degree, a student must have:

- a relevant qualification on NQF level 9
- a minimum of 65% average in preceding degree

All candidates go through a selection process.

**Doctor of
Philosophy in
Education
(PhD)**



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Duration

- Minimum study period: 2 years

Applications

- Students must apply online at www.ufs.ac.za
- Applications open from 1 April 2025 – 30 September 2025
- Please attach the following documents with your online application:
 - ♦ ID
 - ♦ Academic record
 - ♦ Certificate if you have obtained a qualification
 - ♦ SAQA document for all international students
 - ♦ Research proposal template (Included online)
- **If you need any assistance with the online application, please contact**
Phone: +27 51 401 9111, option 1
(Monday-Friday, 07:45 to 16:30)
Email: studentadmin@ufs.ac.za
WhatsApp ChatBot: 087 240 6370

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General information

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Please make sure you choose the correct programme. There needs to be an alignment between your Masters degree and the doctoral degree you are applying for. For example:
- If your Masters was in Curriculum, you can apply for Curriculum or one of your BEd Hons majoring module fields i.e. Languages, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Natural Sciences or Social Sciences.
- If your Masters was in Psychology, you can apply for PhD in Psychology or Community Psychology
- Masters in Higher Education students will apply for the PhD in Higher Education Studies