



What is the purpose of the PGDip?

The PGDip replaces the current Professional BEdHons qualification.

The Postgraduate Diploma serves to strengthen and deepen an educator's knowledge in a particular field of education. The primary purpose of the programme is to enable working professional educators to involve themselves in advanced reflection and development by means of a systematic survey of current thinking, practice and research methods in an area of specialisation in their education profession. The Postgraduate Diploma in a specific field of specialisation would prepare an educator for an advanced leadership position in that field. The qualification demands a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence. The variety of specialisations within this qualification provides opportunities for students to become specialists and leaders in one of the fields listed below.

PGDip specialisation fields:

- Curriculum Studies*
- Education Policy*
- Mathematics Education**
- School Leadership and Management**
- Higher Education*
- Life and Counselling Skills in Education**

* Offered on BFN campus

** Offered on BFN & Qwaqwa campuses

** Pending final accreditation

Duration:

The duration of the PGDip programme in Education is a minimum of two years part-time.

Admission requirements:

To be admitted to this diploma, a student must be in possession of a **relevant qualification on NQF level 7** which implies:

- an approved and recognised four-year BEd, OR
- a three-year general Bachelor's Degree capped by a PGCE (or equivalent) / 120 credit Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Education in a cognate specialisation, OR
- a preceding cognate qualification(s) that meet(s) Level 7 exit level outcomes, OR
- a preceding qualification(s) that in exceptional cases is/are approved by assessment of prior learning, provided that they meet Level 7 exit level outcomes

Please note that:

Students must be computer and internet literate to be successful in this programme.

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Classes / workshops:

Workshops are scheduled on weekends (Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings) to accommodate students who are employed.

Assessment:

Continuous assessment activities of knowledge, skills and attitudes will take place, implying that **no formal examinations** will be written. The assessment could be linked with your work environment.

What comes after the PGDip?

The PGDip is a NQF level 8 qualification. Therefore students can continue to Master's in Education if they are selected. A minimum average of 65% for the PGDip is required for access into the Master's programme, but other selection criteria might be applicable in specific fields of specialisations.

How do I apply?

In order to apply a candidate must complete an application form. The form is available on the UFS website and at the Faculty of Education. Please note that applications for 2016 close on 31 October 2015.

Which PGDip is best for me?

Curriculum Studies

The PGDip in Curriculum Studies will equip teachers to improve their classroom practice. It is also aimed to strengthen the work of curriculum developers at the Department of Education.

Education Policy

The PGDip in Education Policy is suitable for school managers and other education officials. It aims to equip students to engage, within the legislative and policy framework, with current education challenges towards bringing about change.

Mathematics Education

The PGDip is aimed at mathematics teachers. The course's aim is to address the current state of mathematics education in South Africa.

School Leadership and Management

The PGDip in School Leadership and Management is aimed at school managers and teachers who would like to become part of the school management team.

Higher Education

The PGDip in Higher Education is designed for employees of higher educational institutions (universities and colleges). The course focuses on assessment and moderation, research supervision and the use of ITC in the higher education environment.

Life and Counselling Skills in Education**

The PGDip in Life & Counselling Skills is intended for life orientation (LO) teachers or candidates who intend to become LO teachers. The course contains aspects related to education psychology, life skills as well as career and other counselling.

Contact details

Please feel free to contact us should you require further information on any of our postgraduate programmes

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