

Funza Lushaka Bursary

The Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme is a multi-year programme to promote teaching as a profession. Bursaries are available to enable eligible students to complete a teaching qualification in an area of national priority. Recipients of these bursaries will be required to teach at a public school for the same number of years that they received the bursary. The bursary is awarded for one academic year at a time, and upon proof of academic success the bursary may be renewed each year until the recipient of the bursary has qualified as a teacher. The recipient is required to apply online for the renewal of the bursary every year.

Please note the following:

- All first-time applicants must be 30 years or younger to apply for Funza Lushaka Bursary.
- Having applied for the bursary is not a guarantee that you will receive it.
- It is important for all new applicants to also apply for alternate forms of funding, e.g., NSFAS, financing at a financial institution (bank, etc.).
- Bursaries are awarded on grounds of academic merit as well as specialisation in specific priority areas (subjects) identified by the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
- Only registered students will be considered for selection.
- All applications must be completed online at: www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za
- No late applications will be considered.
- After your application has been completed online, you will be prompted to make a printout of your proof of application.
- You will be required to submit the following documents to the Faculty Bursary Coordinator:
 - Proof of application. This will serve as proof of your application. Keep a copy for yourself.
 - Certified copy of your FINAL grade 12 results (certification date not older than three months).

Enquiries for the Funza Lushaka bursary may be directed to:

Ms Muriel Geswint
Bursary Administrator: Faculty of Education
Email: funzalushaka@mandela.ac.za

NSFAS

- How to Apply for NSFAS (<https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/>):
- <https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/how-to-apply.html>
- <https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/faqs.html> -
- ALL NSFAS-related enquiries MUST be directed to
Toll Free: 08000 67327 OR info@nsfas.org.za

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Please contact the relevant programme administrator or access the Faculty of Education website (www.education.mandela.ac.za) for more information about the admission requirements for the programme of your choice.

IMPORTANT DATES

Prospective students are advised to apply for admission to the Nelson Mandela University well in advance.

Opening date for 2027 applications: April 2026
Closing date for 2027 applications: September 2026



FACULTY OF
EDUCATION

The Faculty of Education at Nelson Mandela University is an important role-player in Teacher Education, particularly in meeting urgent educational needs in the Eastern Cape.

FACULTY VISION AND MISSION

VISION

To be and to nurture a dynamic community of professional teachers, leaders and scholars in education committed to co-creating a vibrant, socially just and democratic society.

MISSION

A faculty committed to cultivating passionate, engaged, knowledgeable, effective, ethical and compassionate teachers, researchers and leaders who are critical thinkers and agents of hope and transformation through:

- Practicing humanising pedagogies;
- Enabling collaborative partnerships with relevant stakeholders, particularly students, alumni, schools, colleges, universities, communities, industries and governments;
- Using future-oriented technologies creatively; and
- Bringing the classroom into the world and the world into the classroom.

SCHOOL-BASED LEARNING (SBL)

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL)

All Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) students are required to spend dedicated, supervised time in schools, and all Advanced Diploma-TVT (TVET) students are required to spend dedicated, supervised time in TVET colleges and related work environments. Students are introduced to school and work-based classroom experiences throughout their course, as academic and experiential learning are seamlessly blended to provide a holistic approach to teacher preparation.

SBL Administrator: Ms Nondumiso Ntshangase

Email: nondumiso.ntshangase@mandela.ac.za

WIL Administrator: Mr Reeve Wilson

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION:

B.Ed Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase (FP) is a critical phase in the education of children. It lays the foundation and building blocks upon which learning can take place. Foundation Phase teachers are responsible for the educational foundation of children between the ages of five and nine (Grade R to Grade 3). How and what they teach profoundly influences the rest of these children's lives.

B Ed FP Programme Administrator: Ms Basheera Brooks

Email: basheera.brooks@mandela.ac.za

B.Ed Intermediate Phase

This programme provides prospective Grade 4 to Grade 6 teachers with knowledge of the subjects they will teach in the Intermediate Phase.

B.Ed IP Programme Administrator: Ms Delene Botha

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B.Ed Senior Phase and Further Education & Training Phase (SP-FET)

This programme provides prospective teachers with knowledge of one teaching subject at Senior Phase level (Grade 7-9) and two teaching subjects at Further Education and Training Phase level (Grade 10-12). In addition, students are provided with practical and professional training in teaching and learning theories and methodologies.

B.Ed SP-FET Programme Administrator: Ms Pam Roach

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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION:

Post graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) FET

Post graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) SP-FET

The PGCE is a professional teaching qualification. It is offered both full-time (over one year) and part-time (over two years) at the Nelson Mandela University's South Campus in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). PGCE (FET) graduates will be equipped to teach two subjects at FET level (grade 10 to 12) and PGCE (SP-FET) graduates will be equipped to teach one subject at FET level (grade 10 to 12) and one subject at Senior Phase level (grade 7 to 9).

PGCE Programme Administrator: Ms Pam Roach

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Advanced Diploma (TVT)

The Advanced Diploma (TVT) programme responds to the need to develop teaching competence in the TVET sector, which requires a specialised pedagogy, cognisant of the diversity of the student body as well as the requirements of the world of work. It furthermore aims to develop the capacity of both current and prospective technical and vocational lecturers at the TVET Colleges.

Advanced Diploma (TVT) Programme Administrator: Ms Melony Oliphant

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Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

The PGDE is for educators who wish to improve their teaching and/or leadership skills and deepen their knowledge within their chosen area of specialisation.

The PGDE aims to develop innovative, competent and reflective instructional leaders who have the capacity and agency to effect significant change in the South African education system. This is a practice-based qualification which is recognised for Professional Development points.

PGDE Programme Administrator: Ms Melony Oliphant

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B.Ed Honours

The B.Ed Honours degree is for those educators who wish to improve their research skills and who would like to do further research-based study, such as M.Ed or PhD. The B.Ed Honours is thus a research-orientated theoretical qualification which aims to prepare students for research-based postgraduate studies in Education. It will consolidate and deepen a student's knowledge and develop research capacity in the methodology and techniques of the field.

Postgraduate Consultant: Ms Sinokholo Nyanda

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Master of Education (M.Ed)

The Faculty of Education's postgraduate research programmes are designed to offer you a challenging, yet supportive education research space. You will be able to acquire high quality research skills which will enable you to critically explore contemporary educational problems. The M.Ed programme is offered on a part-time or full-time basis that includes independent work with a supervisor. When available, opportunities will be provided for you to interact with other postgraduate students during weekend seminars to help you navigate the research process.

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Doctor of Education (PhD)

The Faculty of Education's postgraduate research programmes are designed to offer you a challenging, yet supportive education research space. You will be able to acquire high quality research skills which will enable you to critically explore contemporary educational problems. The PhD programme is offered on a part-time or full-time basis, conducting research independently with a promoter. When available, opportunities will be provided for you to interact with other doctoral candidates, for example during the doctoral weekend seminars. Targeted support to help you navigate the research process will also be provided.

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