

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:

- It is important for all new applicants to also apply for alternate forms of funding.
- Bursaries are awarded on grounds of academic merit as well as specialization in specific priority areas (subjects) identified by the Department of Basic Education.
- Prospective bursars must first gain provisional admission or be admitted to the B.Ed programme.
- Only registered students will be considered for selection.
- **Applications are completed online only (no hardcopy application forms are available).**
- Applications may be submitted online at www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za (normally from October each year). **After your application has been completed online, you will be prompted to make a printout.** This will serve as proof of your application. Keep a copy for yourself, and submit a copy to the Faculty Bursary Officer.
- **No Late applications will be considered.**

Enquiries for the Funza Lushaka bursary may be directed to: funzalushaka@mandela.ac.za

NSFAS

- Information about NSFAS may be found on the following website: <https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/>

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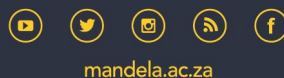
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Bachelor of Education
Foundation Phase
(B Ed FP)

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

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.

The Nelson Mandela University B Ed Foundation Phase programme (FP) is aimed at attracting critical students and graduates who will go on to become quality teachers of this age group at schools throughout the Eastern Cape and beyond.

The programme is offered on a full-time basis at the Nelson Mandela University's Missionvale Campus and aims to address the dire need for 'more teachers' and 'better teachers'.

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.

Programme overview

This programme provides prospective teachers with knowledge of the three subject areas (literacy, numeracy and life skills) as well as the skills to integrate these subjects into their teaching and learning practices.

The FP programme emphasizes hands-on classroom competencies and the development and design of teaching and learning materials.

A new state-of-the art Foundation Phase building was built at the university's Missionvale Campus and, as from 2017, all Foundation Phase students receive tuition at the Missionvale Campus.

School based learning (SBL)

In order to meet the requirements of the Foundation Phase qualification, all students are required to spend dedicated, supervised time in schools. This is a compulsory component of the B Ed programme.

Students are introduced to school based classroom experiences throughout their course, as academic and experiential learning are seamlessly blended to provide a holistic approach to teacher preparation.

Admission Requirements

- Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met.
- An applicant with NSC Grade 12 Mathematics requires a minimum Applicant Score of 350.
- An applicant with NSC Grade 12 Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics requires a minimum Applicant Score of 365.
- NSC achievement rating of at least 45% for Mathematics or 60% for Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics .
- English (Home Language or First Additional Language) AND Afrikaans or isiXhosa (Home Language or First Additional Language).

- The Faculty may call candidates for admission interviews before final acceptance into the programme.
- The completion of this qualification could lead to students furthering their Higher Education access by registering for an Honours degree.

How to calculate your Applicant Score

- **Applicant Score (AS)** replaces Admission Point Score (APS);
- **Percentages** and not levels (1 to 8) are used to **calculate the Applicant Score (AS)**;
- **Life Orientation is not included** in the Applicant Score (AS);
- Applicants **must meet direct entry requirements (AS + subject and % required)**;
- In addition, for those applicants from quintile 1, 2 or 3 schools who attain 50% or higher for Life Orientation, 7 points may be added to their score out of 600 to arrive at their final AS.
- **Testing** as an alternative admissions route **is no longer available**.

Important dates

Prospective candidates are advised to apply for admission to the Nelson Mandela University and the B.Ed programme well in advance, i.e. from April of the year **preceding** their first year of study.