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 <u>www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za</u> (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

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Bachelor of Education

Intermediate Phase Grades 4—6 (7) (B Ed IP)

NSFAS

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



The Faculty of Education at Nelson Mandela University is an important role-player in Initial Teacher Education, particularly in meeting the need for quality grade 4 to 6 (7) teachers in the Eastern Cape and beyond.

Our aim is to attract applicants with strong Mathematics background, as indicated in grade 12 results. In addition, we aim to prepare graduates who will make a substantial difference in our country, South Africa.

The B Ed Intermediate Phase programme is offered on a full-time basis at the Nelson Mandela University's South campus based in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth.

Vision and Mission

VISION

To be and to nurture a dynamic community of professional teachers, leaders and scholars in education committed to cocreating 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 Grade 4 - 6 teachers with knowledge of the subjects they will teach in the Intermediate Phase.

It is important to note that we do prepare our graduates to teach grade 7 as well.

As such, the programme aims to provide student teachers with the required knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance teaching and learning in all the Intermediate Phase and grade 7 subjects (Languages, Mathematics, Life Skills, Natural Science and Technology, Arts and Culture, Social Sciences and Economic and Management Sciences).

School-based Learning

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

Students are introduced to school-based classroom experiences from year 1 to year 4. Academic and experiential learning are seamlessly blended to provide a holistic approach to teacher preparation.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for Grade 12 learners:

- Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met.
- An applicant with NSC Grade 12 Mathematics requires a minimum Applicant Score of **370** and NSC achievement rating of at least 45%.
- An applicant with NSC Grade 12 Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics requires a minimum Applicant Score of **385** and NSC achievement rating of at least 60%.

- English (Home Language or First Additional Language) **AND** Afrikaans or isiXhosa (Home Language or First Additional Language). With NSC achievement rating of at least 50%.
- 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.