

The Faculty of Education at Nelson Mandela University is an important role-player in Initial Teacher Education in the Eastern Cape. The Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is offered on a full-time basis at Nelson Mandela University's South campus in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and aims to address the dire need for 'more teachers' and 'better teachers', particularly in the SP and FET phases.

The Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) thus aims to provide students with relevant and appropriate knowledge and the necessary theoretical and practical skills, experience and expertise demanded of FET teachers in a diverse range of schools.

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.

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.

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**Post Graduate
Certificate in Education (Full-Time)
(PGCE FET) & (PGCE SP-FET)**



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Programme purpose and duration

The PGCE is a professional teaching qualification. It is offered both full-time (one year) and part-time (two years) at the Nelson Mandela University's South Campus in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). PGCE graduates will be equipped to teach:

- Two subjects at FET level (grade 10 to 12) **OR**
- One subject at FET level (grade 10 to 12) and one subject at Senior Phase level (grade 7 to 9).

Successful completion of the PGCE will allow candidate's admission to the B Ed Honours or Postgraduate Diploma in Education qualifications (NQF level 8).

Programme objectives

The PGCE programme aims to:

- Develop and consolidate both subject knowledge and pedagogical content knowledge;
- Cultivate a practical understanding of teaching and learning in a diverse range of South African schools, in relation to education theory, subject specialisation, practice and policy.
- Enable students to organise systematic learning for diverse learners in diverse contexts by applying humanising pedagogies.
- Foster self-reflexivity, self-understanding, creativity and resilience.
- Develop an understanding of, and commitment to, the ideals of the teaching profession.
- Nurture in students the disposition of an active change agent.

School-based Learning (Teaching experience)

In order to meet the requirements of the PGCE qualification, all students are required to spend dedicated, supervised time in schools. This school-based Learning is a compulsory component of the 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 teaching.

Admission requirements

The minimum entry requirement is an approved undergraduate Bachelor's degree.

- PGCE (FET) - To specialise in two FET school subjects, the basic Bachelors qualification should include at least two school approved specialisation subjects at third year level (NQF 7).
- PGCE (SP-FET) - To specialise in one SP subject and one FET subject, the basic Bachelors qualification should include at least one school approved specialisation subject at third year level (NQF 7) and one school approved subject at second year level.
- Applicants must have obtained a minimum average of 60% for their undergraduate degree.

Subject Specialisation requirements:

- Creative Arts—Applicants must have passed one of the components of Creative Arts at NQF7 in their undergraduate degree, with a minimum average of 60%. Applicants will also need to provide evidence of practical experience in at least one of the four components. These components include:
 - MUSIC (Playing an instrument, choral work, conducting)
 - VISUAL ARTS (Art, ceramics, design)
 - DRAMA (Drama, Acting, Film, Script writing)
 - DANCE (Dance, movement, physical theatre)
- Economic Management Science — Applicants must have obtained a minimum average of 60% for the commerce modules completed in their undergraduate qualification (Accounting, Business Studies, Economics). Applicants must have completed at least one of the three Commerce specialisations at first year level, one up to second year level and one up to third year level (NQF7).
- English Home Language—Applicants must have completed English literature modules up to third year level.
- Life Orientation — Applicants must have obtained a minimum average of 60% for the Psychology modules in their undergraduate degree. Applicants must have completed a combination of Psychology and either Sociology, Philosophy, Political Science, Human Movement Science, Labour Studies or Industrial Studies in their undergraduate degree. Psychology must have been completed up to NQF7.

- Life Science — Applicants must have completed two of the following subjects up to NQF7: Biological Science, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Physiology, Biology and/ or Zoology, as well as Biology (Botany and Zoology) up to NQF6:
- Music— Applicants must have completed a music-specific degree, which includes music theory/ composition up to NQF7. Applicants will be expected to complete an admissions test.
- Natural Science — Applicants should have completed the following subjects up to NQF6 - Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, and Physics.
- Physical Science — Applicants must have completed Physics and Chemistry, one up to NQF6 and one up to NQF7.

NOTE: Any method subject in the PGCE programme will only be offered if a minimum of 20 students register for the method subject.

- Applicants may only choose method combinations within the subject streams specified in the table below.

SELECT TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FET METHOD SUBJECTS (FET) OR SELECT ONE FET METHOD SUBJECT AND ONE SP METHOD SUBJECT (SP-FET)
COMMERCE FET Accounting FET Business Studies FET Economics FET Mathematics SP Economic Management Science (EMS)
HUMANITIES FET Afrikaans Home Language FET English Home Language FET Geography FET History FET isiXhosa Home Language FET Life Orientation FET Music SP Creative Arts
SCIENCES FET Geography FET Life Science FET Mathematics FET Physical Science SP Natural Science