



Advanced Certificate in Teaching (ACT)

It all starts here®

Introduction

By obtaining a qualification at the North-West University (NWU) you will accelerate your career and improve your effectiveness and efficiency in the classroom.

The North-West University:

- is one of a few worldwide universities that has a strong contact-, as well as a distance learning mode of delivery;
- is an internationally recognised university with an international student body from 68 countries;
- is the second largest university in South Africa with more than 70 000 students;
- has some of the best academic support programmes in Africa resulting in a success rate of 86,3% by our students; and
- the International Universum research shows that 82% of NWU students will choose the university again as first choice for their studies.

Teacher Education at the North-West University has had a proud history since 1919, and the Faculty of Education is now the largest provider of contact and open distance learning in South Africa. The fact that so many teachers choose to upgrade their professional qualifications with us, and that so many prospective students apply for entry to the BEd and our other programmes says something. We think it says something about...

- The quality of the work done in our programmes (grounded, professional, critical and academic);
- The attention paid to students by our staff (dedicated, caring, professional academics and administrators);
- The quality of student life and development offered by the faculty itself (social, sport, integrated development and community engagement);
- The great reputation enjoyed by our students and graduate teachers who are commended to us by schools throughout the country.

Method of Delivery

Students who are unable to enrol at one of the NWU campuses for a contact programme in Education may enrol for the Advanced Certificate in Teaching (ACT) through the Unit for Open Distance Learning.

The programme is presented with scheduled whiteboard contact sessions at selected study centres and the use of the NWU's eFundi Learning Management platform. Examinations for students in the open distance-learning mode are written at NWU examination centres.

All examinations are conducted at exam centres, with NWU staff setting the examination papers and assessing answer scripts, thus ensuring that all students have met the required module and programme outcomes. Open Distance Learning studies are only available in English as a medium of instruction.





Cost and Financial Assistance

All fees are annually adapted. Study fees are based on modules and students pay per module and not for the course as a whole.

Contact pc-studyfees@nwu.ac.za to obtain a quotation.

Contact Information

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Website: www.distance.nwu.ac.za

Facebook: [NWU-North-West University](https://www.facebook.com/NWU-North-West University)

Programme Specifications for the Advanced Certificate in Teaching (ACT)

Programme of study	Duration	Career Opportunities	Admission requirements
ACT Foundation Phase <i>Programme Code: 4BL F01</i>	1 - 2 years	<p>The ACT programme is a qualification for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of qualified teachers and focuses on the following target group of teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers in possession of a three-year (or longer) teaching qualification (it is the only programme students with NPDE can follow in order to continue their studies) who would like to upgrade to REQV 14/ NQF6. Teachers in the Intermediate and Senior Phases who want to specialise in a teaching subject not studied in a prior professional teaching qualification (retraining). Foundation Phase, Intermediate Phase and Senior Phase teachers in possession of a prior teaching qualification, but who did not specialise in the phase they are now teaching, who now have acquired appropriate background and want to strengthen their knowledge and skills by completing this formal CPD qualification. Teachers who want to strengthen their field of specialisation in a subject and/ or phase studied in an initial three-year diploma in education or a NPDE. 	<p>A recognised professional 3 year teaching qualification, BEd, BEd Hons or MEd, Advanced Diploma in Education, PGCE or Higher Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching, Higher Diploma in Education (PDT or SDT) or a Teacher's Diploma, National Professional Diploma in Education (NPDE, NQF level 5).</p>
ACT Intermediate Phase Students who choose to study ACT intermediate Phase can choose any two of the following specialisations: <i>Programme Code:</i> Life Skills 4BM F01 Mathematics 4BM F02 Science and Technology 4BM F03 Social Sciences 4BM F04	1 - 2 years		
ACT Senior Phase Students choose one specialisation. <i>Programme Code:</i> Economic and Management 4BS F01 Life Orientation 4BS F03 Mathematics 4BS F04 Social Science 4BS F06 Technology 4BS F07 ACT is not available for FET.	1 - 2 years		



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