



Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

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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.

Mode of Delivery

Students who are unable to enroll at one of the NWU campuses for the contact programme may enroll for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) through the Unit for Open Distance Learning.

The programme is presented via a combination of an IWB class and other pre-recorded whiteboard sessions at selected study centres and mostly through 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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Programme Specifications for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Programme of study	Duration	Career Opportunities	Admission requirements
Senior & Further Education & Training <i>Qualification code: 4DD G01</i> <i>Curriculum code: O100P</i>	1- 3 years	The PGCE serves as a professional capping qualification for candidates who wish to enter the teaching profession for grades 7-12. The programme equips and empowers prospective educators in the Senior and FET phases to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and demonstrate a deep knowledge and understanding of education theory and practice. • Integrate education theory and practice as applied competence. • Demonstrate and implement the subject specific pedagogical competencies of the Senior and FET educator that embrace teaching, learning and assessment in practice. • Develop and demonstrate knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to become responsible, independent and contributing scholars of the professional educational community in a diverse and changing national and international context; and • Develop and demonstrate critical, creative and reflective problem solving skills within educational and societal context. 	A relevant B-degree or relevant qualification of at least 360 credits with 2 teaching subjects in qualification. Please take note: Students should have at least 1 school subject up to 3rd year level and the other school subject up to 2nd year level. (Depending on the subject) <i>Examples of recognised school subjects completed in initial qualification obtained:</i> Languages (English, Afrikaans or Setswana), Geography, History, Mathematics, Psychology and Sociology, Technology, Human Movement Science, Life Sciences (Physiology, Botany, Zoology), Physical Sciences (Physics, Chemistry), Business Management, Accounting, Economics, Tourism, Information Technology, Music and Art. Minimum average of 65%



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