



## Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip)

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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.

### 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Education 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.



## Programme Specifications for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip)

Programme of study	Duration	Career Opportunities	Admission requirements
<p><b>PGDip in Management and Leadership, modules include:</b> Programme Code: 4DF D01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education financial management and governance (PGML 513)</li> <li>Leading organisational change in education (PGML 521)</li> <li>Leading teaching and learning (PGML 523)</li> <li>Lead and develop people in education (PGML 511)</li> <li>Education law, leadership and fundamental rights (PGML 514)</li> <li>Education law and leadership in practice (PGML 512)</li> </ul> <p><b>Education leadership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education system and societal contexts (PGML 524)</li> <li>Educational leadership in international context (PGML 522)</li> </ul>	2 years	<p>The PGDip programme is a qualification for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of qualified teachers and education practitioners and focuses on the following target group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working professionals with existing qualifications can use continuing professional development learning programmes to strengthen their current qualification. The Postgraduate Diploma is primarily professionally oriented and will offer working education professionals the opportunity to undertake advanced reflection and development of professional skill in the fields of education management and leadership and special needs issues in education.</li> <li>The PGDip (Special Needs) qualification will provide a postgraduate specialisation in special needs to practicing professionals</li> <li>The PGDip (Education Management and Leadership) qualification will provide a postgraduate specialisation in Education Management and Leadership to practicing professionals</li> </ul>	<p>An approved and recognised four-year Bachelor of Education degree (NQF Level 7) or a three-year general Bachelor's Degree and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (or a former equivalent), or (a) four-year professional teaching qualification(s) as well as a 120 credit Level 7 Advanced Diploma in a cognate specialisation or the equivalent of these as approved by Senate and set out in the Admissions Policy of the NWU. A further admission requirement for a Postgraduate Diploma qualification must be a minimum pass mark of 60% average (in the BEd qualification) in the final year, or a minimum pass mark of 60% on average (in the Advanced Diploma in Education).</p>
<p><b>PGDip in Special Needs Education modules include:</b> Programme Code: 4DG D01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School guidance and lay counselling</li> <li>Learners with special needs</li> <li>Health promotion and healthy schools</li> <li>Learner Support in a Diverse Classroom</li> <li>Applied learner support</li> <li>Practice-based assignement in learner support Education Research</li> </ul>	2 years		

## 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](mailto:pc-studyfees@nwu.ac.za) to obtain a quotation.

## Contact Information

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