



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

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 at least **68 countries**;



is the third largest university in South Africa with more than **54 000 students**;



has some of the best academic support programmes in Africa resulting in a **success rate of 92,9%** by our students; and



is one of the best tertiary education institutions for education towards a professional career according to the **2022 rankings** by the **Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings**.

The NWU's Unit for Distance Learning, in collaboration with the Faculty of Theology, creates the opportunity for theological education for all. If you are a theological student or wish to become a missionary or youth worker or pastor in any of the reformed, pentecostal or related traditions, or if you are already practising as a religion professional and want to further your theological education, the North-West University's Unit for Distance Learning offers you the opportunity without you having to relocate to a NWU Campus.

Bachelor of Divinity

Delivered by the North-West University.

It all starts here®

Method of Delivery

This is a unique and creative way, in which you yourself determine the place, time and tempo of your learning. It allows you to study full-time while you work and gives new momentum to your career through professional training. Electronic as well as telephonic support is available, with personal contact facilitation at learning support centres if you desire it.

The qualification programme is completed on a correspondence basis with direct contact between the lecturer and the student through the NWU's eFundi platform. Study material is available electronically. Students are responsible to buy prescribed text books. All examination papers are set, assessed and moderated by NWU staff members.

Examinations are written at NWU examination centres nationwide, subject to covid regulations. Studies are available in both Afrikaans and English.

Application

Applications close 30 September for the 1st semester of the next year. A student can also apply in April to start in the second semester. Application is done online at <https://distance.nwu.ac.za/apply-online>

Registration

Students whose applications were successful, register annually through the Unit for Distance Learning. The process is online and involves payment of the prescribed registration fee and minimum payable fee. A proof of registration will be issued to the student by the Unit for Distance Learning as soon as the student is registered.

Fees

Email PC-Studyfees@nwu.ac.za or phone 018 299 2667/8/9 for a quote of the qualification programme you are interested in or visit: <https://wfp-lb1-rh7.nwu.ac.za/study-fee-cost-estimation/insecure>.

Programme Specifications for Bachelor of Divinity

Programme of study	Duration	Admission requirements	Further studies
<p>Bachelor of Divinity (NQF 7 qualification)</p> <p>This programme prepares ministers for ecclesiastical ministry in the reformed churches. The student will be able to do valid interpretation and application of the Bible. The student will also be equipped for pastoral counselling and will be able to think and act in an ethical manner, be value driven, and engaged in community development.</p> <p>Purpose of programme - Specific training for pastors in the Reformed Churches as it has the required languages included.</p>	<p>The minimum study period for this qualification is 4 years of study. The maximum period is 8 years. In extraordinary cases, students can apply for an extension of the study period.</p>	<p>Applicants must adhere to the minimum statutory requirements for B-degree studies at a university in SA. English level 4 (50-59%) and an APS score of at least 24.</p>	<p>The BDiv degree provides admission to an applicable Masters Degree (provided the final year of the BDiv curriculum was completed with an average of at least 65%).</p>

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