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Master of Philosophy (Children's Literature)

The **Faculty of Education** at UJ is committed to knowledge-making for 21st-century education. To this end, the faculty offers a **Master of Philosophy Degree (Children's Literature)** (M5PCLQ) programme with an NQF Level 9.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The purpose of the Master of Philosophy is to enable students to develop high levels of specialised knowledge and expertise in conducting research in a specified discipline or field, using advanced problem-solving skills and critical, reflective thinking, as well as the ability to report on research conducted in ways appropriate to the relevant academic and disciplinary discourses. The student will report the findings in a manner that meets the accepted criteria and ethical principles of the profession. Students will contribute to the existing body of knowledge in the application of advanced theoretical or applied knowledge to develop and advance the study and practices in the field of specialisation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a) Prospective candidates will have obtained a BEd (Hons) with a 65% overall average. See below EDU 7.2.4

OR

- b) Prospective candidates will have obtained a suitable four-year professional bachelor's degree plus a teacher's diploma/ teaching qualification and work experience in the proposed field of specialisation. The educational knowledge of such candidates will be assessed by the Head of Department and the subject expert in the proposed field of specialisation, and a reading programme may be prescribed before registration.

OR

- c) Prospective candidates will have obtained a teacher's diploma /teaching qualification, plus an appropriate honour's degree and work experience in the proposed field of specialisation. The educational knowledge of such candidates will be assessed by the Head of Department and the subject expert in the proposed field of specialisation and a reading programme may be prescribed prior to registration.

OR

- d) For admission to the field of Philosophy of Education, prospective candidates will have obtained bachelor's honours degree and work experience relevant to the proposed field of specialisation. The Education knowledge of such candidates will be assessed by the Head of Department and the subject expert in the proposed field of specialisation and reading programme may be prescribed prior to registration.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic performance: students need to have attained a minimum of 65% in their previous degree. If 65% was not attained prior learning and experience in the field may be taken into consideration, and students could be allowed to register based on a pre-registration research proposal, which is accepted by the Department in which the student will be registering.

In addition to the minimum admission requirements as outlined above, prospective students should provide a written submission outlining work experience and motivation for entry into the programme. Prospective students may undergo a selection process, including personal online interviews.



Students without an education qualification may be allowed to register for an MPhil, should those students have appropriate education-related experience (e.g. work experience) concerning the proposed topic of the MEd.

Such a prospective student must be involved in pre-registration and a prescribed reading programme. Full registration will be allowed based on satisfactory progress with Chapter 1 during the pre-registration period. The chapter, approved by the supervisor, must be submitted to the Faculty Office to allow full registration.

Note: Registration takes place per department

OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMME

Exit level outcomes: On completion of this qualification, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced application of concepts, methods, ethics, theories and analytical processes with a specified area of research.
- Address an identified research need by taking social, economic, legal, ethical, environmental, cultural and demographic influences into consideration.
- Demonstrate a comprehensive, systematic and integrated specialist knowledge and skills of the chosen research area.
- Display advanced research skills.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- a) Minimum duration: One year.
- b) Two-year part-time

CURRICULUM

Topics related to the following broad areas may be investigated:			
Possible broad area of investigation	Programme Code	Module code Semester one	Module code Semester two
Children's Literature	M5PCLQ	See table below	

Modules in semester 1	Dissertation	DIS9X1A	Credits	180	NQF Level	9
		DIS9X2A				
Modules in Semester 2	Dissertation	DIS9X1B/DIS9X2B				



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

General Faculty Regulations regarding promotion and re-admission requirements apply.

DISCLAIMER

Fulfilling all the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee acceptance into a particular program. The faculty reserves the right to limit numbers in line with its enrolment targets.

AWARD OF MASTER'S DEGREE

The M Phil will be awarded to students who have completed all the requirements for the qualification successfully.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION DATES

To submit your application, apply online using the following link **Apply@UJ**. The closing dates can be seen on the UJ website. The due dates for registration are available at **Registrations@UJ**. ** Only accepted applicants are permitted to register.*

CONTACT DETAILS

For academic-related matters such as course content or class attendance, contact the programme coordinator, **Dr Karen McCarthy** (kmccarthy@uj.ac.za)

For administrative-related matters such as application statuses, registration, or fees contact the **Faculty's Academic Administration Office**:
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