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# **Doctor of Philosophy (Education)**

The **Faculty of Education** at UJ is committed to knowledge-making for 21st-century education. To this end, the faculty offers a **Doctor of Philosophy (Education) PhD programme** with an **NQF Level 10**.

## PURPOSE

The PhD (Education) requires a candidate to undertake research at an advanced academic level culminating in the production, defence and acceptance of a thesis. The candidate is required to demonstrate high-level research capability and make a significant and original academic contribution to the field of Education.

## OUTCOMES

Students should be able to:

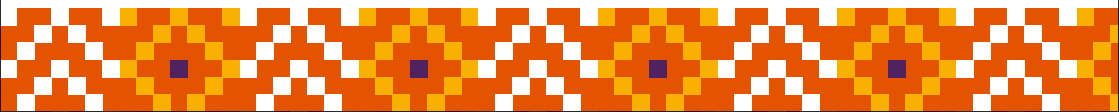
- a) critically analyse the purpose, components and process for compiling a thesis for academic submissions to demonstrate a research thesis in respect of own context in the subject discourse,
- b) plan outline of thesis and demonstrate the application of research methodology and principles for academic purposes,
- c) conduct substantial independent research and critically develop an appropriate research proposal in order to evaluate an issue in the area of the subject, discourse.
- d) conduct research that demonstrates an original contribution to the subject, and compile, submit and review thesis.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a) Prospective candidates will have obtained a MED.

OR

- b) Prospective candidates will have obtained a teacher's diploma/teaching qualification, plus an appropriate master's degree as well as work experience in the field of study. The Education knowledge of such candidates will be assessed by the Head of Department and prospective supervisor and a reading programme may be prescribed prior to allowing registration.
- ***Students without an education qualification may be allowed to register for a PhD, should those students have appropriate education related experience (e.g. work experience) in relation to the proposed topic of the PhD. 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 a Chapter 1 during the pre-registration period. The chapter, approved by the supervisor, must be submitted to the Faculty Office to allow full 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.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Students register for the doctoral programme full time or part time.

The minimum duration of a doctoral programme is two academic years (part time or full time).

Residency less than the prescribed minimum period is not granted.

The maximum period of registration for a doctoral programme is four years full time or five years part time.

NOTE that this qualification has different programme codes but there is only ONE Doctor of Philosophy (Education) mode in the faculty. Programme codes are only to split the areas of investigation per department and for allocating supervisors.

## CURRICULUM

A thesis on an approved topic in the field of Education.

Topics related to the following broad areas may be investigated:			
Broad areas of investigation	Programme Code	Module code Semester one	Module code Semester two
Department of Childhood Education			
1. Childhood Education	P5DCHQ	CED10XA	CED10XB
Department of Education and Curriculum Studies			
2. Adult Education	P5DCSQ	CSD10XA	CSD10XB
3. Curriculum Studies			
4. Educational Linguistics			
5. Higher Education			
6. Philosophy of Education			
7. Sociology of Education			
8. Teacher Education			
9. Values and Human Rights Education			

Department of Education Management			
10. Educational Management	P5DELQ	LMD10XA	LMD10XB
Department of Educational Psychology			
11. Inclusive Education	P5DESQ	EPD10XA	EPD10XB
12. Life and Career Orientation			
13. Psychology of Education			
Department of Science and Technology			
14. Information and Communication Technology in Education (ICT)	P5DSTQ	STD10XA	STD10XB
15. Mathematics Education			
16. Science Education			
17. Technology Education			

*\* Students can also complete this degree in the form of a thesis by article.*

## DISCLAIMER

Fulfilling all the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee acceptance into a particular programme. The faculty reserves the right to limit numbers in line with its enrolment targets. The Faculty of Education also reserves the right to cancel an application or registration in the event that there are insufficient student enrolments to ensure the viability of the programme.

## APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 contact the HOD's of the relevant departments. The contact details of the various HOD's can be sourced from the Faculty of Education website, [www.uj.ac.za/edu](http://www.uj.ac.za/edu)

For administrative-related matters such as applications statuses, registration, or fees contact [eduqueries@uj.ac.za](mailto:eduqueries@uj.ac.za)

