

FACULTY FACT SHEET



ON GOOD AUTHORITY

A message from the executive dean, Prof Lloyd Conley

The faculty is committed to providing high-quality and innovative professional teacher education that responds to both the national and international contexts. We engage in teaching, research and community engagement by means of cutting-edge technology, relevant teaching principles and the transfer of new knowledge.

As a leading role player in the higher education and training sector, we adhere to the ethos of lifelong learning. That means we shape our students to become achievers, and our graduates to be visionary architects of effectual and advanced education practices.

THIS IS US

Faculty facts

- The NWU is rated among the top 5% of universities in the world (QS World University Rankings).
- Integrated community engagement is a strategic priority for the Faculty of Education. Staff and students participate in various educational community projects across South Africa.
- Through the NWU's open distance learning (ODL) initiative, lecturers and facilitators use interactive technologies such as whiteboards to reach students at 87 learning support centres, some as far afield as Namibia. Students have access to 95 examination centres, making it easy to write tests and exams.

Teachers present the past, reveal the present and create the future

Teacher training at the NWU has a proud history dating back to 1919. Today, the Faculty of Education is the largest provider of contact and open distance learning (ODL) in South Africa.

Demand for entrance to the BEd professional teaching qualifications is high and many students are qualified teachers who choose to upgrade their skills through the faculty's postgraduate offerings. This reflects the excellence of and level of trust in the NWU.

Graduates with an NWU qualification find themselves at the frontline, educating the next generation of teachers, politicians, business leaders, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs and doctors.

In terms of research, the faculty is held in high regard for its longstanding contribution towards expanding the knowledge base of human rights education on diversity, literacy theory practice, self-directed learning, working environments and community-based research.

Internationally known

The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the largest and most respected universities in the world. Well known for its excellence in teaching-learning and research, the university has a student population that is representative of 65 nationalities, demonstrating the NWU's global competitive advantage.

Adding to the NWU's high-quality global footprint are its strategic international collaborations with experts and other institutions of higher learning.

The NWU takes pride in the quality of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record.

Our faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 31 May 2022)



Undergraduate students:
14 908



Postgraduate students:
920



International students:
269



Academic staff:
267



Support staff:
152



NRF-rated researchers:
18

SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES

Click here to see which undergraduate programmes we offer

Click here for our honours studies and postgraduate diplomas

Click here for our postgraduate programmes

The faculty has five schools:

- Mathematics, Science and Technology Education
- Commerce and Social Studies in Education
- Professional Studies in Education
- Language Education
- Psycho-Social Education

Additional programmes and courses

Through the NWU's **Unit for Distance Learning**, we offer advanced certificates in the different school teaching phases, advanced diplomas in special needs education and leadership and a postgraduate diploma in education.

Finally, our **Unit for Continuing Education** offers various short learning programmes aimed at in-service teachers and pre-service teachers.

RESEARCH

Research chairs

- UNESCO Chair on Multimodal Learning and Open Educational Resources (OER)
- ETDP SETA Early Childhood Development Research Chair

NWU research entities

- Education and Human Rights in Diversity (Edu-HRight) Research Unit
- Self-directed Learning (SDL) Research Unit
- Community-based Educational Research (COMBER) Research Niche Area
- Educational Leadership (Edu-Lead) Research Niche Area



APPLICATIONS

Admission requirements for Bed undergraduate

- Full matriculation exemption, with an APS count of at least 26.
- Please note that, because of the capacity limitations and the high demand of students for admission to particular fields of study, students will be selected on the basis of their scholastic achievements for admission to these study fields.
- Language level 4 (50%+) – in the language of instruction on either the Home or First Additional Language level.
- Click [here](#) for detailed programme-specific admission requirements.

How do I apply?

Please refer to our [website](#) for online applications.

Money matters

For a wide range of bursaries and financial support, please contact 018 299 2672, or visit our [website](#).

We want to hear from you

Phone 018 299 4756 (undergraduate administration), 018 299 4703 (postgraduate administration) or 018 285 5900 (Unit for Open Distance Learning call centre). You can also send an email to [Undergraduate Administration](#), [Postgraduate Administration](#) or our [Unit for Distance Learning](#).

