



FACULTY FACT SHEET



THIS IS US

Faculty facts

- The NWU is rated among the top 4,2% of universities in the world (CWUR 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 distance learning initiative, lecturers and facilitators use interactive technologies such as whiteboards to reach students at 26 learning support centres, some as far afield as Namibia. Students have access to 105 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 that dates back to 1919. Today, the Faculty of Education is the largest provider of contact and distance learning 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 forefront, 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 50 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.

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.

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Schools and
programmes

Research

Applications

Our faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 25 April 2024)



Undergraduate students:
16 967



Postgraduate students:
1 155



Occasional students:
26



International students:
197



Academic staff:
349



Support staff:
117



NRF-rated researchers:
19

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, intermediate phase mathematics and school leadership and management, as well as 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; it even caters for professional development in the higher education sector.

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 Focus Area
- Educational Leadership (Edu-Lead) Research Niche Area



CENTRES IN THE FACULTY

The Faculty also houses two exciting centres, engaging in groundbreaking work in their respective areas:

Centre for Higher Education Professional Development (CHEPD)

The Centre for Higher Education Professional Development is a learning-teaching centre, with a focus on professionalising academics as higher education teachers through the offering of both short learning programmes and formal qualifications: Click [here](#) for more information

Centre for African Language Teaching (CALT) – Setswana

The Centre for African Language Teaching – Setswana is a research, teaching and learning centre. The centre aims to contribute to the enhancement of Setswana as a scholarly language of teaching and learning in primary and intermediate education.

It also seeks to develop teacher education to enable Setswana as a medium of instruction via focused research, community engagement initiatives and intentional partnerships: Click [here](#) for more information





APPLICATIONS

Admission requirements for BEd undergraduate

- Click [here](#) for detailed undergraduate programme-specific admission requirements.
- Click [here](#) for detailed postgraduate programme-specific admission requirements.
- Click [here](#) for detailed distance 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

To get in contact with a programme administrator, please visit the faculty webpage for the specific [contact details](#).

