

## BEd HONS EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

### Aims of the programme

This programme trains students to become registered counsellors in school contexts. On completion of the requirements for the degree, candidates may register with the Board for Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as registered counsellors. Qualified practitioners provide psychological services focused on prevention and primary intervention of psychological problems in diverse community contexts, as well as the enhancement of psychosocial health.

### Requirements

Students may be admitted to the BEd Hons programme if they have the following:

1. A relevant university degree and a **postgraduate** secondary education diploma or certificate (e.g. SED, HDE, PGCE, UED, LSED); or
2. A relevant university degree and a **postgraduate** primary education diploma (e.g. PES, PGDE, HPED, etc.); or
3. A relevant university degree and a **postgraduate** education qualification deemed adequate for such purpose by the SU Senate; or
4. **A four-year integrated education degree (e.g. B Ed); or**
5. Where warranted by the applicability and academic relevance of their job experience, some other relevant combination of studies both academic and professional which for purposes of admission is deemed by the SU Senate to be equivalent to an integrated four-year Bachelor's degree or a Bachelor's degree (supplementary studies in Education may be required of such candidates prior to admission); or
6. Recognised four-year post-school training, including a professional education qualification.
7. **In addition** to these admission requirements, **Psychology I, II and III as part of a Bachelor's degree** or an equivalent subject accredited for this purpose by the Professional Board for Psychology is required for admission to specialisation in Educational Psychology with a view to registration as a counsellor. This makes further studies with a view to registering as an educational psychologist possible. Industrial Psychology is not accepted. If you do not have Psychology I, II and III, all the modules of Psychology I, II and III as part of a Bachelor's degree can be done through Unisa or you can enrol as a special residential student at any university. It is important that ALL the modules for Psychology I, II and III are done. You have to make your own arrangements with and queries at the relevant university. This department cannot choose/recommend the modules you have to take.
8. There is also a selection process before admission to the programme. A **weighted average** (i.e. taking the number of credits per module into account) **of at least 60%** is required in the student's degree, as well as a teaching qualification and an **average of 60% for the third-year level Psychology modules**. Only a limited number of students are selected annually. **If you comply with the admission criteria indicated above it does not mean that you are automatically selected for the programme.**

**The closing date for application for the Educational Psychology stream is 30 June of the year preceding the intended study. All applications must be accompanied by comprehensive official and certified study records for all qualifications, as well as certified copies of all qualifications attained.**

### How to apply

Apply on-line: <http://web-apps.sun.ac.za/eAansoek2/alg.jsp?TI=1>

If you are registered at SU during the year when you apply, you need only send Ms Euné Louwrens an email (provide your student number) to apply directly through her during the months of May and June. Ms Louwrens can also be contacted with regard to administrative and general programme enquiries (email: [eel@sun.ac.za](mailto:eel@sun.ac.za)).

**CLOSING DATE: 30 JUNE 2015**

#### **Additional information**

Students should take note of the following:

- Students must be available **full-time during their year of study**. At the time of application for registration as a counsellor with the Professional Board for Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, students must have successfully completed a **full-time practicum** (as prescribed by the Professional Board for Psychology). This practicum forms part of the programme and the module is completed during the period of study.
- Prospective students should take note that they can register as counsellors (independent practice) after completing this programme and successfully passing the Professional Board examination.

#### **MODULES**

<b>MODULES: UNTIL 2016</b>		<b>PROPOSED FOR 2017 (Accreditation in process)</b>	
Core Module	734(12)	Research Project	30
Educational Research	764(12)	Research Methodology: Generic Specific	10 5
Educational-psychological Assessment	734(18)	Educational-psychological Assessment	15
Mental Health	714(18)	Mental Health	15
Counselling	775(24)	Counselling	20
Counselling Practice	771(48)	Counselling Practice	40
Inclusive Education	724(18)	-	-
Learning Support	765(18)	Learning Support	15

#### **For more information**

Contact Prof. Ronelle Carolissen (programme co-ordinator) Tel. 021-808 2306; email: [rlc2@sun.ac.za](mailto:rlc2@sun.ac.za), or refer to the [SU Calendar](#) (Education) for further details regarding the course.