



BEHONS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT INFORMATION

Programme description

This programme entails a combination of theory and practical application. The current approach is to provide support to address learners' diverse needs through an inclusive educational pedagogy. The focus of the programme is on underlying theories that inform and guide practice. The content is therefore not prescriptive, as learners and contexts differ. Students are equipped at a postgraduate level to become reflective practitioners.

The focus areas of the programme are:

- Interpretive research
- Adult learning and support
- Learning and cognition
- Learning challenges
- Learning support
- Research project

The aim of the programme

This programme aims to prepare students to offer meaningful participation to all learners in inclusive education systems and communities. Furthermore, the programme aims to ensure a coherent and critical understanding of the scope and principles underlying education and educational support for learners experiencing barriers to learning. It prepares students to identify diverse and unique learning abilities and learning challenges and accommodates these in adequate and meaningful ways.

Duration and mode of the programme

The programme is presented in a blended learning and teaching mode, and includes at least two telematic presentations and online communication. The programme can be completed over one year full-time or two years part-time. Prospective students have to apply before 31 July of the previous year.

Admission requirements

- A relevant university degree and a secondary Education diploma or certificate (e.g. SED, HDE, PGCE, UED, LSED);
or
- A relevant university degree and a primary Education diploma (e.g. PES, PGDE, HPED);
or
- A relevant university degree and an Education qualification deemed adequate for such purpose by SU Senate;
or
- A four-year integrated Education degree;
or
- Some other relevant combination of studies, both academic and professional (where the applicability and academic relevance of the student's job experience warrants it), which, for purposes of admission, is deemed by SU Senate to be equivalent to an integrated four-year bachelor's degree or three a bachelor's degree (supplementary Education studies may be required of such candidates prior to admission);
or

- Recognised four-year post-school training, including a professional Education qualification.

Specific admission requirements

- A minimum of at least one year formal teaching experience.
- A minimum average of 65% in the final year of under graduate study is required.

Selection

This is a selection programme.

Selection takes place annually after July.

A maximum of THIRTY students are admitted to the programme each year.

Closing date for applications

The closing date for applications is **31 July** in the year before admission or **30 June** for international students.

Further provisions regarding admission to the BEdHons programmes

Applicants must have obtained an average of at least 60% in the final year of their relevant undergraduate study.

The Faculty expects prospective students to have access to a computer and the internet to be able to perform the following activities:

- Accessing SUNLearn modules and participating in the various learning activities
- Using the electronic resources of SU's library
- Sending and receiving e-mail
- Generating assignments and submitting them electronically.

Selection

Due to the popularity of this programme and limited capacity of the Department, a maximum of **THIRTY** students will be admitted to the programme for 2018.

The application process for the 2018 intake closes on 31 July 2017
APPLY ONLINE: <http://t2000-05.sun.ac.za/eAansoeke/alg.jsp?TI=1>

Students will be informed of the outcome of their application by the end of September 2017.

For more information on the programme:

- Visit <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/Current/Education.pdf>
- Contact SU Client Services at info@sun.ac.za / 021 808 9111
- Contact the Faculty Officer at eel@sun.ac.za / 021 808 4831 (current SU students)
- Contact the Department Administrator, Mrs S Botha (sonjab@sun.ac.za / 021 808 2308), or the programme co-ordinator, Dr Lorna Dreyer (lornadreyer@sun.ac.za)
- Visit the Department of Educational Psychology website at <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/education/educational-psychology/Pages/default.aspx>