

# MASTERS IN EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY - MEDPSYCH

## The aim of the programme

The aim of this programme in Educational Psychology is the development of research capacity, theoretically grounded knowledge, skills and attitudes which will equip students to practise as educational psychologists in the South African context. Students who successfully complete this programme as well as the subsequent twelve-month prescribed internship will be able to register as educational psychologists with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Refer to the SU Calendar (Education) (yearbook) for further details regarding the specific modules:

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/Pages/Calendar>

### Please note

If you comply with the admission criteria, it does not mean that you are automatically selected for the programme. **Should your application meet the application requirements, you will be invited to participate in the on-campus selection process.**

## Duration and mode

The SU MEdPsych degree in Educational Psychology can be studied as follows:

### Two-year part-time programme (after hours)

- The first year comprises academic modules and approval of research proposal.
- The second year comprises a practicum module, approval of the internship programme (submission end of July) and completion of thesis.
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, a further full-time twelve-month approved internship (which is arranged by the student) should be completed. The student must also have passed the examination of the South African Professional Board for Psychology before a student is eligible to register as an educational psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). Internship is not part of the degree – students have to complete the degree before they can start with the internship.

## Requirements

Students may apply for this programme if they have the following:

1. **BEdHons in Educational Psychology** (BPsych equivalent) or **BEdPsych** or an **approved honours degree in Psychology**;
2. An approved **teacher's qualification** (this teacher's qualification must have been obtained from a recognised national education and training institution and accredited according to the relevant provisions of a South African teaching qualification NQF level 7, e.g. PGCE or BEd). In the instance of international qualifications, the qualification also has to be verified as equivalent to a South African teaching qualification by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

at [www.saga.org.za](http://www.saga.org.za) and the official documentation must be submitted upon application for the programme before 30 June of the year preceding the year for which you are applying.

3. A minimum of **two years'** teaching experience (this experience should be gained **after** obtaining the teaching qualification and should be at a school, college or university). Experience must be based on formal experience as a teacher/educator, regardless of whether it was permanent, on a contract basis, continuous, at a state institution, an informal institution, or a private school environment. Evidence of this experience must include the detail of the post description(s). Part-time, piecemeal, teaching practice, au pair work and an internship does not qualify as teaching experience.
4. A minimum of **65%** for Educational Psychology or psychology-oriented subjects on NQF level 8.
5. Additional selection criteria:
  - Academic writing competence
  - Intra-personal and inter-personal skills
  - Computer literacy

#### Please note

Submission of an application form does not ensure that you will automatically be invited to the second phase of the selection process.

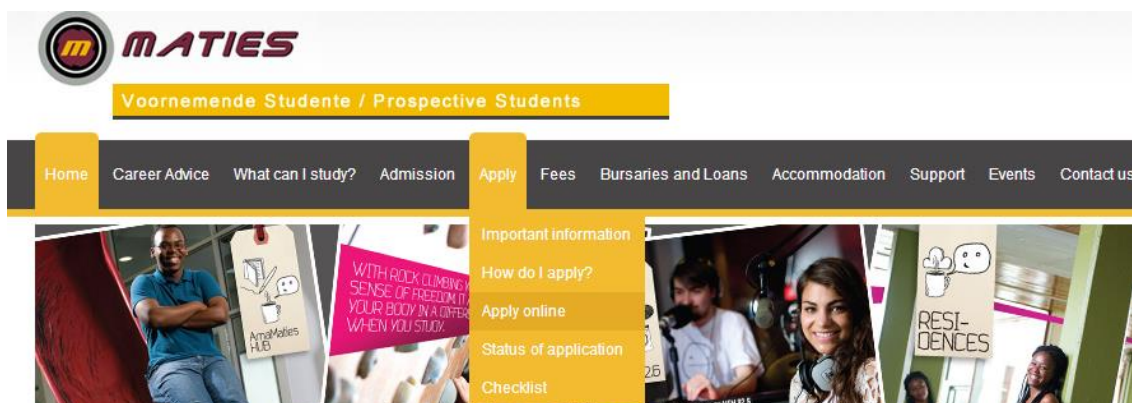
The second phase of the selection process for 2017 will take place at the **Faculty of Education**, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch from **22–25 August 2016**. Applicants will be informed by the Department of Educational Psychology after July should they need to attend the selection process.

#### How to apply

#### ON-LINE APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 OPEN ON 1 MARCH 2016.

The application method is on-line via [www.maties.com](http://www.maties.com), where you will also have access to the calendar or yearbook of Stellenbosch University.

The following is what you will see on opening the website:



Postgraduate application forms should be filled in on-line on the university website: [www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za) or obtained from the administration section of the University Client Services: [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za) | 021-808 9111.

NB For specific additional guidelines regarding the application process, also consult the following document: [APPLICATION FORM for MEdPsych 2016](#)

Should you have difficulties with applications, or if you have no access to electronic facilities, you may contact the Client Service Centre at [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za) or tel. 021-808 9111

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

**CLOSING DATE: 30 JUNE 2016**

### **For further information**

Go to <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/Pages/Calendar.aspx> (Part 6) or email SU client services at [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za) or 021-808 9111.

Alternatively, direct specific **course enquiries** to Mrs Mariechen Perold at [mdperold@sun.ac.za](mailto:mdperold@sun.ac.za).

Enquiries regarding the **cost** of the programme, consult Part 3 of the yearbook or visit <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/2016/StudentFees2016.pdf>

Enquiries regarding **bursaries and loans**, consult Part 2 of the yearbook.