

4.2.3 MPhil (Research)

Specific admission requirements

You must satisfy at least the admission requirements for the MPhil (Higher Education Studies) (Structured). Furthermore, you will be selected on the basis of prior research experience and outputs.

Requirements for obtaining the MPhil (Research) degree

For this degree you must:

- submit a research thesis (100% full thesis) worth 180 credits. The length of the thesis is normally between 40 000 and 50 000 words, presenting a substantiated argument which does not necessarily make an original contribution.
- do an oral examination on the subject area of the thesis. The topic is chosen in consultation with the supervisor concerned.

Postgraduate programmes

1. Summary of postgraduate programmes

Below you will find a schematic summary of the postgraduate programmes offered in the Faculty of Education.

Postgraduate qualification	Programme	Distinctions within a programme
Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)	
Postgraduate diplomas	Postgraduate Diploma in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education in Teaching and Learning Mathematics Education Science Education
Honours degrees	BEdHons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Inquiry Education Development and Democracy Educational Support Foundation Phase Education Language Education
Master's degrees	MEd	MEd (Research) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Studies Educational Support Education Policy Studies
		MEd (Structured) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Studies Educational Support Psychology Educational Psychology
	MPhil	MPhil (Structured) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Studies Lifelong Learning
		MPhil (Research)
Doctoral Degrees	DEd	
	PhD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative Education Curriculum Studies Educational Psychology Educational Support Education and Training and Lifelong Learning Education Management Education Policy Studies Environmental Education Higher Education History of Education Language Education Philosophy of Education

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