

MEd (Psych) (Structured)

If you successfully complete this programme as well as the subsequent twelve-month, prescribed internship, you will be able to register as an educational psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

Specific admission requirements

- a) The following qualification:
- A BEdHons in Educational Psychology *or*
 - A BEd (Psych) degree *or*
 - an approved honours degree in Psychology in combination with an approved professional education qualification *or*
 - any other combination of academic and professional studies deemed suitable for admission to the programme by Senate. In this case, additional studies may be prescribed.
- b) A minimum of two years' continuous, formal teaching experience or equivalent teaching experience deemed appropriate by Senate.
- c) A minimum of 65% for Educational Psychology or psychology-orientated subjects passed on NQF level 8.

Selection

- This is a selection programme.
- Selection takes place annually after July.
- *A maximum of TWELVE and a minimum of EIGHT students are admitted to the programme each year.*

Internship

- **Admission requirements for internship:**
 - Registration as an intern psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa *and*
 - an MEd (Psych) qualification in Educational Psychology (or the equivalent).
- **Duration and presentation structure of internship:**
 - A minimum of one year's continuous full-time internship, *or*
 - Approved full-time block periods equivalent to twelve calendar months
 - Both the qualification and the internship must be completed within three years.
- Internships are approved by the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and falls under the supervision of the Department of Educational Psychology. Your internship programme must be submitted to the Department at least five months before you plan to start your internship. After this it is sent to the Health Professions Council of South Africa for approval.
- The onus is on you to make arrangements to do your internships at an accredited institution.

Closing date for applications

The closing date for applications is **30 June** in the year before admission.

Duration and presentation structure of the programme

- The programme consists of course work done full-time over one year or part-time over two years as well as a research thesis. For registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, an internship of another year is required (see “Internship” above).
- You must complete your research thesis before beginning your internship.
- You must complete your studies in the time period allowed by the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Your qualification and internship must both be completed within three years.

Assessment and examination

- Assessment consists of formative and summative assessment opportunities in each module.
- Continuous support strategies are stipulated in the work programmes of the respective modules and form part of the teaching and learning curriculum. You must achieve a **final mark of at least 50% for each of the modules followed in the first study year of the programme** to be able to continue with the second year.
- You must attain a minimum of 50% in the integrated oral exam before you will be allowed to proceed with the internship. The integrated exam forms part of the assessment of the practicum module.
- You must have a pass mark of at least 50% in each of the modules, including the research thesis, for the degree to be awarded to you.

Enquiries

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Programme contents

The aim of this programme in Educational Psychology is to develop the research capacity, theoretically grounded knowledge, skills and attitudes which will equip you to practise as an educational psychologist in the South African context.

Anchor module

Educational Psychology	877(240)
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Seven submodules and a research thesis:

Child and Adult Psychopathology	873(20)
Development and Support	875(30)
Educational and Psychological Assessment	874(20)
Inclusive Education	873(20)
Practical Work prescribed by the Health Professions Council of SA	876(20)
Research Methodology	876(20)
Research Thesis	871(130)

Practicum

The practicum is done at the Practicum Unit in the Department of Educational Psychology as well as in approved sites in the community.

You must pass the practical programme.