UNISA B.Ed DEGREE: FOUNDATION PHASE
Gardens Campus

Introduction
This course is endorsed by UNISA.

The Bachelor Degree in Foundation Phase is a four-year qualification in Pre-Primary and Primary Education of children. This programme complies fully with the requirements, which include language and content subject proficiency, as well as practical training.

The programme consists of 40 modules, divided into three major study components. The first part involves studying three approved school subjects, with the number of modules depending on the subjects concerned. The second component consists of 10 modules on educational themes such as child development. The third part involves 15 modules on professional studies such as teaching practice. Teaching practice includes five weeks of compulsory practical training every year.

Career Options

What will I be qualified as once I’ve completed this course?
• Foundation Phase Educator (Grade R – Grade 3 teacher)
• ECD Lecturer

What will I be able to do?
• Teach Grade R to Grade 3 learners
• Teach students studying Early Childhood Development

In which industries will I be able to work?
• Education sector

What could I do to further improve my skills and my chances of furthering my career?
Achieving the necessary entry requirements at academic level during this course will enable you to continue studying towards a post-graduate qualification in Education. This can be done by studying at an institution of Higher Education, such as a University after obtaining your B.Ed degree.

Programme Structure

What will I be studying during this course?

Modules
• Thinking Skills
• English
• Health in Childhood A
• Teaching Practice 1
• Children’s Literature
• Teaching Practice 2
• Health in ECD Development
• Read, Write and Spell in Second Language
• Science and Technology
• Psychology
• Counselling Skills
• Guidance
• Special Needs Education A
• Management of Institutions
• Environmental Education
• Social Education
• Computer Practice in the Classrooms
• Afrikaans/Xhosa
• Early Childhood Development
• Art and Handwork
• Music
• The Reception Year
• Teaching Practice 3
• Read, Write and Spell in First Language
• Mathematical Education
• Teaching Practice 4
• HIV/AIDS Care and Counselling
• Childhood Development
• The Young Child and Learning
• Special Needs Education B
• Theoretical Frameworks
• Religious Education
• Multicultural Education
• Management of Information Services for Children
Admission Requirements & Duration
What do I need to have completed before I can apply to study this course, and how long will it take to complete this course?

The course consists of 40 modules a maximum of 10 modules are studied every year. Tuition takes place on 2 Saturdays a month. The duration of this course will depend on the qualification you already hold, but the course must be completed within a maximum period of 8 years.

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<th>REQUIREMENT</th>
<th>MINIMUM DURATION</th>
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<td>2. Grade 12 with an exemption + N7 – Diploma in Early Childhood Development (i.e. matriculated before 2007; matric certificate must state “Grade 12 with an endorsement”.)</td>
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<td>3. Grade 12 with qualification to study towards a degree (i.e. matriculated from 2008 onwards; matric certificate must state “Qualifies for degree”.)</td>
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<td>4. Grade 12 without an exemption, but you are older than 23 years (i.e. matriculated before 2007)</td>
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<td>5. National Senior Certificate (NSC) + N7 Certificate (diploma)</td>
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<td>6. No matric qualification but must be over the age of 46 years</td>
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(Part-time - Available)