

Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education

Faculty of Education

2 Years Distance Postgraduate Diploma | NQF Level 8
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 90646 | PGHE0801

→ Online

Qualification Description

The curriculum of the Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education qualification includes a focus on higher education in the contemporary social and political context; education leadership and policy; contemporary learning theories and approaches; transformational curriculum theory and design; education research; and assessment practice. These curricular elements are all focused on students' personal disciplines in the context of South African higher education and as such, assessment activities on this programme centre on the application of these topics to real or scenario-based learning environments. Students will develop their own teaching identity through an exploration of the values and beliefs around higher education, and through an interrogation of their own development in ethical and reflective educational practice.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

This challenging yet stimulating qualification is aimed at equipping teachers and lecturers who wish to further their studies with a deep understanding of the teaching and learning process in the context of higher education. The programme is aimed at subject matter experts who require deeper insight into education theory or its application and will strengthen the ability of lecturers to promote student learning in their own disciplines.



How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		Notes
An appropriate HEQSF Level 7 Bachelor's Degree, Advanced Diploma OR an equivalent NQF Level 7 qualification.		Applicants need to have teaching experience or hold a position in which they have responsibility for the development of teaching and learning in an education sector. A comprehensive CV indicating work experience would need to be provided to determine this.
International	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field.	

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate *If applicable.



Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APPE8411	Approaches to Education	8	15	CURS8412	Curriculum Studies	8	15
TLHE8421	Teaching and Learning in the Contemporary HE Context A	8	20	TLHE8412	Teaching and Learning in the Contemporary HE Context B	8	20
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
EDML8439	Educational Management and Leadership	8	20				
Year Long							
HETP8419	Higher Education Teaching Project					8	30

Career Opportunities

- Lecturer / Tutor
- Academic Development Practitioner
- Learning Facilitator
- Curriculum Developer
- Higher Education Administrator
- Program Coordinator
- Education Researcher
- Quality Assurance and Accreditation coordinator
- Learning and Development Specialist
- Assessment and Evaluation Specialist

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 6 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 2 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

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System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for Emeris students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no campus. If there is no campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-Emeris venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of a Distance (Online) Qualification?

The distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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