

Focusing on young children from birth to 6 years (includes Grade R)

**Course**

Level 5 National Diploma in ECD

**Duration, credits, supervision**

Two years part time while working throughout as an ECD practitioner under CSD supervision

Focussing on young children from birth to 6 years (includes Grade R)

**Course**

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**Duration, credits, supervision**

Three years part-time while working throughout as an ECD practitioner under CSD supervision

Focussing on young children from 5 years until 9 years, within the Foundation Phase

**Course**

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**Duration, credits, supervision**

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South Africa. As well as computerised holdings and a comprehensive library, the resources include an extensive file of cards collected between 1969 and the 1990s showing contexts for words and phrases in South African English. Sources range from early explorers' and settlers' journals to printed books, contemporary newspapers, and oral sources.

In July 2014, aided by funding from Rhodes University, the Dictionary Unit published an electronic version of *DSAEHist* as a pilot edition (see [dsae.co.za](http://dsae.co.za)). In 2015, work began on a thorough adaptation of the text for electronic platforms including mobile devices, aided by a collaboration between the DSAE and the Institute for Information Science and Language Technology at the University of Hildesheim, Germany, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the state of Lower Saxony. At the same time the Unit is expanding its electronic database with records of South African English that it has been collecting since the mid-1990s.

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The DSAE is an Associated Institute of Rhodes University, and is a registered Non-Profit Company. As one of eleven National Lexicography Units it is funded by the Pan South African Language Board. In addition the DSAE receives royalties from the sales of its two commercial publications, the *Francolin Illustrated School Dictionary for Southern Africa* (Francolin 1997/Longman 2001), and the *Oxford South African Concise Dictionary* (OUP Southern Africa 2010).

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