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Do you want to contribute towards your country and community?

Do you want a job that is creative and satisfying with good career prospects?

If your answer is YES, think about training to become a Foundation Phase teacher at Rhodes University.

**How to apply:**

Complete the Rhodes undergraduate application forms. If you need a bursary, complete the Funza Lushaka and Matthew Goniwe forms as well. Submit the forms together with a copy of your Grade 11 results (or your June Grade 12 results or your NSC if you have already passed) and proof of payment for the application fee of R100 to: The Student Bureau, Rhodes University, P O Box 94, Grahamstown 6140 or [registrar@ru.ac.za](mailto:registrar@ru.ac.za)

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Department of Education

**Funza Lushaka and Matthew Goniwe merit bursaries available\***

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“OUR CHILDREN are the rock  
on which OUR FUTURE will be built,  
OUR GREATEST ASSET AS A NATION.”

– Nelson Mandela

## Why become a Foundation Phase teacher?

To build a strong economy and a vibrant democracy, South Africa needs educated people. Teachers in grades R to 3 lay the foundation for everything that follows. They nurture every aspect of children’s development. Good Foundation Phase teachers are therefore the key to a successful education system.

## Why study for a BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) at Rhodes?

Rhodes University is well known for the quality of its teaching and research. Its degrees are highly valued.

Rhodes University aims to educate the ‘whole person’. Class sizes are small and lecturers really get to know their students. The facilities are excellent.

The Education Department at Rhodes is passionate about teacher education. Its goal is to develop teachers who are creative, caring, competent and critical. The Department creates a warm and supportive community for students.

The Department also offers postgraduate qualifications with a Foundation Phase

specialisation: BEd (Honours); Masters and PhD. Rhodes therefore provides a career path for Foundation Phase teachers.

## The BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching) programme

The BEd is a 4-year, full-time programme which prepares students to teach in Grades R to 3. The programme develops strong capabilities. It gives students a well- rounded education, as well as providing them with subject knowledge, pedagogy and appropriate experience for teaching.

The programme aims to prepare students to teach in a diversity of contexts, but especially in rural schools in the Eastern Cape where isiXhosa is the language of learning and teaching.



## What do you need to be accepted on the course?

A National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a Bachelors pass. To get a Bachelors pass you need:

- » 4 subjects at Level 4 (50%-59%) or above; and
- » 3 subjects at Level 3 (40%-49%) or above.

You also need to have passed Mathematics with at least 40% or Maths Literacy with at least 50%, two languages with at least 50% in both and to have an APS (Academic Point Score) of 40. The Dean of Education will, however, consider your application if you achieve an APS between 36 and 39. A leaflet is available explaining how to work out your APS.

Priority will be given to students who apply for the BEd as their first choice.

## What sort of person should apply?

We are looking for people who:

- » enjoy working with young children and seeing them grow.
- » are motivated, hardworking and passionate about education.
- » have strong values and principles.
- » believe in themselves and believe they can make a difference.

## FEES AND BURSARIES

Tuition and residence fees for are laid out in a separate leaflet.

Please note that there is a reduction in residence fees if you share a room. You are encouraged to apply for this option early.

*\*A limited number of **Funza Lushaka and Matthew Goniwe merit bursaries are available**. Students who apply for these bursaries should also apply for NSFAS funding. It is important to apply early. A leaflet is available explaining how to do so.*