

**Faculty
of Education**



RHODES UNIVERSITY
Where leaders learn

Bachelor of Education Honours Degrees



Are you a qualified educator ready for the challenge of a postgraduate degree?

Are you interested in discovering answers to questions in your subject, your school and education in South Africa?

The Bachelor of Education Honours (BEd Honours) is the first postgraduate degree in education. It prepares students for research-based postgraduate studies in a particular field of education. It serves to consolidate and deepen students' knowledge of their specialism and to develop research capacity, relevant methodologies and techniques. This qualification demands a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence through a programme of intense reading and writing.

The BEd Honours attracts primary and secondary school educators as well as qualified educators working in district offices, NGOs and the informal sector. It is a pathway to a Master of Education degree.

Why study for a BEd Honours degree at Rhodes University?

Rhodes University is proud of the quality of its teaching and research. Class sizes are small and lecturers are committed to educators' ongoing professional development. Rhodes creates a warm and supportive community for students.

The BEd Honours programme

The BEd Honours is a part – time qualification with tuition over two years. A new course is started every alternate year, with one in Makhanda South Africa, and one in Okahandja Namibia.

Students attend five week-long teaching sessions each year and are expected to complete assignments between sessions. Attendance at all sessions and the submission of all assignments is compulsory. It is the applicants' responsibility to get confirmation from their principal that they will be granted leave for block sessions and exams.

Rhodes is accredited to offer the following specialist degree options. In any given year these specialisms depend on viable class size and staff availability.

- Bilingual Education, Diversity & Access
- Educational Leadership & Management
- ICT Technology Education
- Mathematics Education
- Primary Education
- Science Education

A BEd Honours in English Language Teaching may be on offer. Please enquire if you are interested in this option.



Programme Structure: Part-time

Year 1 comprises two courses. In the first course, students examine contemporary issues and related ideas in education, from philosophical, psychological and sociological perspectives. The second course introduces students to the fundamentals of educational research.

Year 2 comprises the specialism. This year's study deepens students' theoretical understanding of their chosen field and they undertake a research project under supervision. In both years, students are supported by an academic literacies programme which enhances their ability to read and write academic genres at an Honours level.

Entry Requirements

1. The minimum academic requirement is an M+4 or NQF Level 7 qualification on the current 10 - level NQF. This is usually obtained through one of the following:

A. a four-year teaching degree (e.g. BEd), OR

B. an appropriate Bachelor's degree (e.g. BSc) with a recognised teaching qualification (e.g. PGCE), OR

C. a four-year professional teaching qualification with an Advanced Diploma at NQF Level 7. The Advanced Certificate in Education alone does not give access to a BEd Honours.

*Please contact SAQA to verify your qualification if it is not an NQF level 7 South African qualification:
<https://www.saqa.org.za/services/evaluation-of-foreign-qualifications/>*

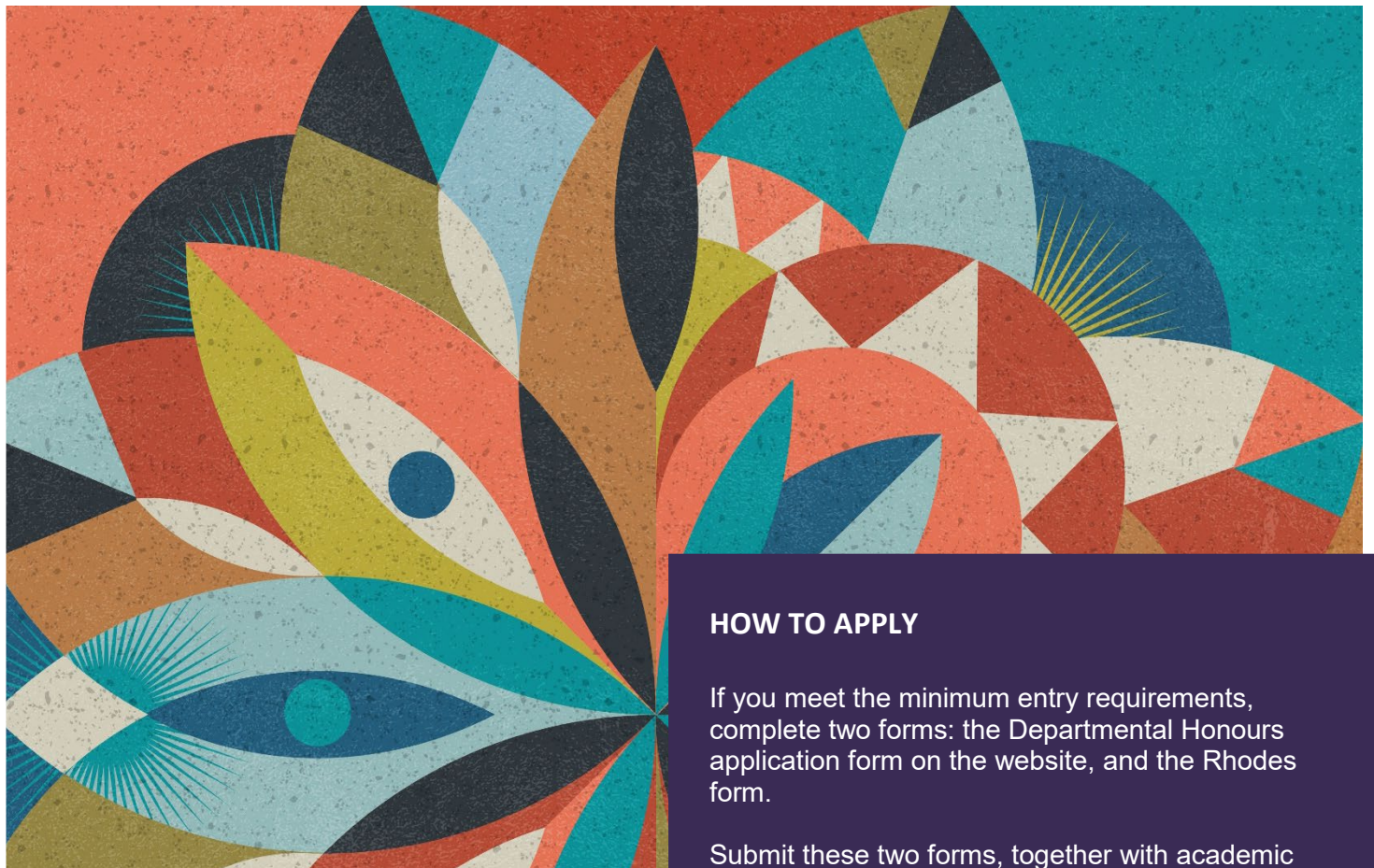
2. Normally two years' classroom experience or equivalent work in an educational context is required.

3. Applicants should have at least two years' undergraduate study in the specialist field of their chosen degree if the specialism is a school subject, e.g. Science. In the case of Primary Education, ICT Education or Educational Leadership and Management the applicant should have a relevant teaching qualification with appropriate experience.

4. Applicants may be required to write a placement test in September as part of the application process.

Previous academic record is taken into consideration. A minimum of 65% at undergraduate level is normally required, either in the specialism subject or as an average in a Primary Education degree.





HOW TO APPLY

If you meet the minimum entry requirements, complete two forms: the Departmental Honours application form on the website, and the Rhodes form.

Submit these two forms, together with academic transcripts of your previous degree/ diploma course(s), and certified copies of your degree/ diploma certificates to the Registrar's office – registrar@ru.ac.za phone 046 603 8276

For further information contact s.bara@ru.ac.za phone 046 603 8393 OR t.twani@ru.ac.za phone 046 603 8383

PLEASE NOTE: A laptop computer and access to a stable internet connection is a prerequisite for study on this course.

<https://www.ru.ac.za/education/teachinglearning/bedhons/>