



RHODES UNIVERSITY

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS (BED HONOURS)
NAMIBIAN-BASED PROGRAMME (2019-2020)**

Do you want to enroll for an internationally recognised post-graduate degree that:

- is especially designed to contribute to teacher's insights into, and understanding of, Namibia's educational reform principles and their practical pedagogical implications,
- will contribute directly to your professional growth,
- is a contact (not correspondence) course but does not require huge amounts of study leave?

Rhodes University is running just such a programme - accredited by the Namibian Qualifications Authority - comprising dynamic workshops, experiential learning, and modelling the principles and practices of participatory learning. The Rhodes Bachelor of Education Honours (BEd Honours) programme in Namibia has a long track record of success and is thus highly rated by students. There is keen competition to gain admittance to the programme.

The programme operates from the **NIED Campus, Okahandja, NAMIBIA.**

The Rhodes Education Department recognises the importance of providing post-graduate courses for educators which facilitate their ability to engage critically with educational issues. This ability is a central goal of our BEd Honours degree programme.

The BEd Honours is the first degree after initial teacher qualification, and the Rhodes BEd Honours prepares students for research-based postgraduate studies in education. Its aim is to consolidate and deepen students' knowledge of education, and to develop their ability to research educational contexts using appropriate methodologies and techniques. It also explores both national and international trends in education with a view to identifying criteria against which to evaluate developments in southern African education.

The degree provides a point of re-entry to both formal and informal sectors of the education profession. It is geared towards meeting the needs of experienced educators who - in the light of developments taking place in education - wish to enhance their professionalism. This is consistent with the current thrust towards greater professional status and accountability in global and national thinking about teacher education.

The intended outcome of our BEd Honours programme is an enhancement of both research and practical competence and the development of the educator both as a reflexive practitioner and as a researcher. Such an individual would thereby develop the capacity not only to critically evaluate his/her professional environment, but also to implement strategies for change more insightfully.

The qualification thus demands a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence. The BEd Honours programme seeks to provide students with a basis for life-long learning, and, as it results in an NQF Level 8 exit qualification, it provides a pathway to ongoing professional development in a Master of Education degree (MEd), leading ultimately to doctoral (PhD) study.

BED HONOURS DEGREE STRUCTURE

The Rhodes Namibian BEd Honours is a 120-credit post-graduate degree. It is obtained by successfully completing FIVE courses over two years of **part-time** study. **Completion of assignments and attendance at all 5 one-week contact sessions and the exam session each year in Okahandja is a requirement.**

In addition, 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. This programme recognizes that students may not have had recent experience of the extensive academic reading and writing which is a feature of a postgraduate degree.

First Year:

The first year curriculum lays a foundation for students to understand and critique educational practice and educational research.

1. Educational Ideas and Issues covers the Psychology of Education, the Sociology of Education and the Philosophy of Education. Regardless of their teaching area or experience, all students are supported to engage reflexively with international and national educational theories, policies and practices. This part of the course is grounded in the Namibian educational reform process, and attempts to relate this to educational trends and challenges both nationally and globally.

2. Educational Research I. In their first year, students are also introduced to methodologies, methods and tools commonly used in educational research. This involves learning to be both a critical consumer of research and a competent producer of new research.

Course modules are commonly assessed through assignments, usually three or four between sessions, and an end-of-year examination.

Second Year:

All students do **Educational Research II** and must also select **TWO** subjects (electives), for example:

- Educational Leadership & Management (ELM)
- English Language Teaching (ELT)
- Environmental Education
- Geography Education
- Mathematics Education
- Primary Education
- Science Education

Our preference is that you select at least ONE school teaching subject.

PLEASE NOTE:

These electives may not all be offered in any given year and are dependent on staff availability and viable class sizes. In addition, it is not possible to timetable all combinations of electives during sessions. Further electives may also be offered from time to time.

The Rhodes BEd Honours lecturers make relatively little use of a traditional lecture format. Rather, sessions are delivered in a learning-centered way, through seminar, group work and workshops. In each year of study there are 25 days of intensive tutor-student contact. Five 5-day contact sessions are scheduled for each academic year of Namibian study plus an examination week in November.

As far as is possible, sessions are timed to coincide with school holidays and public holidays to avoid intruding on our students' professional obligations. **Attendance at all contact sessions is compulsory.**

PLACE OF STUDY

The Rhodes Namibian-based programme operates from the NIED Campus in Okahandja. Each of the five sessions begins at 08:00 on day one (Monday) and finishes at 17:00 on the final day (Friday). Affordable accommodation and meals are available on the NIED Campus, but should be arranged with the NIED administration well in advance. It is your responsibility to make any arrangements directly with the NIED administration as Rhodes University lecturing staff are not involved in accommodation, travel or administrative matters.

DEGREE EXPECTATIONS

The prime demands that will be made upon you are to think creatively; analyse critically; and evaluate. We place no value on memorising 'facts' or recalling set arguments. As lecturers and students meet on only five formal occasions per year of study our programme needs to be seen as operating in a *semi-distance* mode. This will require from you a commitment to participate actively in the learning process, working alone and in groups, sharing viewpoints and insights with fellow students, reading widely and in depth (including topics not necessarily covered in contact sessions), and writing a number of challenging assignments. These assignments, as well as the examinations, are not set only on insights and material received during contact sessions. They frequently require you to undertake small-scale investigations into policies and practices within your own professional context. You should apply for entry into the programme only if you are willing and able to make the necessary sacrifice of time and to commit yourself whole-heartedly to your studies.

Attendance is compulsory at the 25 days per year of intensive tutor - student contact at NIED in Okahandja, as well as the exam dates. As far as possible, the dates of the five contact sessions are scheduled during school holidays to minimize disruption to teaching and other work commitments. These dates may change if four-term schooling is introduced in Namibia in 2018. **Applicants should ensure that their employers are supportive of their study plans.**

Proposed session dates 2019:

Session 1: 06 – 11 Jan (Sunday is a compulsory Academic Orientation)
Session 2: 18 – 22 March
Session 3: 29 April – 3 May
Session 4: 10 – 14 June
Session 5: 26 – 30 August
Examinations: 14 – 18 October

An Academic Orientation day focusing on academic reading and writing skills will take place on **Sunday 6 January 2019.**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Prior qualifications (see * below)

Applicants must have an NQF Level 7 qualification. This is usually through either:

- A. A four-year professional teaching degree, for example the Bachelor of Education, **OR**
- B. An appropriate Bachelor's degree (for example, BA, BSc, BCom) with a recognized teaching qualification (for example, PGCE), **OR**
- C. A four-year professional teaching qualification with an Advanced Diploma **at NQF Level 7**, on the current 10-level NQF scale.

2. Placement test. All applicants are required to write a placement test as part of their application process in September / October of the year in which they apply. Details of this will be communicated to applicants after receipt of their initial application.

Because the BEd Honours course is strongly practice based, at least two years' classroom experience is strongly recommended.

*** PLEASE NOTE, regarding qualifications:**

1. **If you received your qualifications before 2000** it is important that you check their current status and recognition. Details appear in the (South African) Government Gazette No. 40610, Policy on the Recognition and Evaluation of Qualifications for Employment in Education, 10 FEBRUARY 2017, page 45. This Gazette is also available free online at www.gpwonline.co.za. Your District Office may also be able to help you.

2. **If you are applying with qualifications obtained in a country other than South Africa or Namibia**, you will need to check their current status and recognition in South Africa. You may need to submit your qualifications to SAQA for an equivalence certificate. Details appear in the (South African) Government Gazette No. 40610, Policy on the Recognition and Evaluation of Qualifications for Employment in Education, 10 FEBRUARY 2017, page 64. This Gazette is also available free online at www.gpwonline.co.za

As these processes may take time, we urge interested applicants to begin this investigation early in the year in which you intend to apply.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

At the time this information letter was drafted, academic fees for 2019 had not yet been finalised by the University. **The following costs are an approximate estimate only.** In addition, there will be a departmental fee of approximately N\$ 2145.00 per annum to cover the cost of course materials.

Application fee	N\$ 150.00 Non-refundable administrative fee. See payment details at # below.
Tuition fee	N\$ 19 000.00 per year of part-time study. An 8% inflation is estimated for 2020.
Printing and supplies	N\$ 2 145.00 per year of study
Oppidan fee	N\$ 155.00 per year
Estimated total:	N\$ 21 450.00

An application fee of N\$ 150.00 is payable as a non-refundable administrative fee and must be deposited into the account below. If you have been previously registered as a Rhodes student no fee is required.

Okahandja Post-graduate Programmes Account

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Okahandja

Branch Number: 282672

Account Number: 62246622890

Use your own name as the reference for the deposit. **The bank deposit slip of the application fee must be attached to the front of your application form.**

Note:

1. Details of the payment schedule for 2019 will be issued by the University to those who are offered a place.
2. Potential students should also consider the costs of accommodation, and travel to and from Okahandja, for the 2018 placement test as well as the 2019 and 2020 compulsory contact sessions (for successful applicants).

FORMAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

If you wish to apply for the BEd Honours degree YOU SHOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. TWO APPLICATIONS FORMS - Please print out and complete the **TWO APPLICATION FORMS** included at the end of this information sheet. Please ensure you have **SIGNED THE DECLARATION** at the end of the external applicants' form.

2. TRANSCRIPTS OF YOUR PREVIOUS DEGREE/DIPLOMA COURSE(S) i.e. a full academic record issued by the university/universities/colleges at which you were registered. It is your responsibility to apply to your previous university and/ or college for these.

3. CERTIFIED PHOTOCOPIES OF YOUR DEGREE/DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE(S)

4. A brief CV

5. The BANK DEPOSIT SLIP as proof of payment of your APPLICATION FEE (if you have not previously been a REGISTERED student at Rhodes).

Send your application documents to:

RHODES UNIVERSITY APPLICATION FORM:

For attention: Mrs Willemien Wannberg

c/o NIED

Voortrekker Street

Private Bag 2034

OKAHANDJA

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS IS

17th September, 2018.

Applications should reach NIED on/before that date and NO late applications will be accepted. You will be informed about the dates of the placement test once the applications have been reviewed.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAMME

We will inform you of the date of the placement test and final outcome of your application as soon as we possibly can. To avoid any unnecessary delay in this process, **please ensure that you have provided a *reliable* postal address and e-mail address.**

For further information, please contact:

Mrs Willemien Wannberg or Ms Cynthia Ngandi at NIED in Okahandja, Namibia;

tel: 062-509027/ 062-509096

cell: 081-256 3821 (only sms)

fax: 062-509073

e-mail: wwannberg@nied.edu.na

OR The Student Bureau, Rhodes University, Grahamstown 6140;

tel: +27 466038276;

fax: +27 4660 38 300 ;

e-mail: registrar@ru.ac.za



APPLICATION for BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS DEGREE - BEd Honours

**NOTE: 1. Please complete this form in block letters
2. All applicants are required to participate in a selection process**

1. Application for admission in (year)

2. Surname: Title:

First names:

3. Postal address:

..... Postal code:

Cell phone: **It is essential you include a current cell number**

Home tel: Work tel:

Fax no.:

Email:

Please notify the university immediately if your cell or email details change.

4. Have you been registered at Rhodes University before? YES NO (tick)

If "YES" give your Rhodes student number:

5. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: (Please remember to submit all transcripts)

YEAR	ACADEMIC INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION/S	FINAL YEAR/ MAJOR SUBJECTS	SYMBOL & %
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6. TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS: (Please remember to submit all transcripts)

YEAR	UNIVERSITY /COLLEGE //TECHNIKON	QUALIFICATION (e.g. STD/HDE/PGCE)
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7. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

SCHOOL/S

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT

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PRESENT POST: Years in this post:

Subjects and grades you are currently teaching. If you are not doing any teaching then explain your role or duties.

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8. DOCUMENTS: *I attach the following documents in respect of my application:*

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1. Rhodes - Faculty of Education - Application form	
2. Rhodes Application for admission: Honours (External applicants)	
3. Transcripts of my previous degree/ diploma course(s),	
4. Certified photocopies of my degree/ diploma certificate(s)	
6. Brief CV	
7. Proof of payment or deposit slip of N\$150.00 application fee. (Not required if you have previously been a registered student at Rhodes).	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: **DATE:**

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STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

I RECOMMEND / DO NOT RECOMMEND enrolment in the BEd Honours programme.

SIGNATURE: DATE:

STATEMENT BY THE DEAN OF FACULTY:

I APPROVE / DO NOT APPROVE enrolment in the BEd Honours programme.

SIGNATURE: DATE:



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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: HONOURS
(EXTERNAL APPLICANTS)**

Have you ever been registered at Rhodes? ✓ Yes No

Student No:

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FIRST NAMES (in full)																				
MAIDEN NAME (if applicable)																				
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Population group (required for statistical purposes) ✓ African Coloured Indian White

Home language

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Are you a South African citizen? ✓ Yes No If "NO", are you a permanent resident? Yes No

If not South African citizen, state nationality

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Identity number (South African) or passport number (other nationality)

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DATE OF BIRTH:

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Please indicate any disability: ✓

A	Diabetic	B	Blind	C	Cerebral Palsy
D	Deafness	E	Behavioural/Psychological	H	Partial Hearing
I	Partially Sighted	L	Intellectual (Learning Difficulty)	P	Paraplegic
Q	Quadriplegic	S	Speech Defect	T	Communication (Talking/Listening)
W	Wheelchair	Y	Dyslexia	Z	Physioal (Moving/Standing/Grasping)
U	Unspecified	M	More than one disability		

You are required to provide this information about your disability at the time of your application. If you do not, the University cannot undertake to provide reasonable assistance.

PROPOSED REGISTRATION

Year of admission

Specify your choice of subject(s) or proposed combination of subjects below (see list of options on page 5 & 6).

Choice	Degree	Department	Subject or Joint subjects
<i>E.g.</i>	<i>BAH</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Organisational Psychology</i>
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2 nd			
3 rd			
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NOTE: Applications for PGDHE, PDEM, PGCE, PDMM and any BED-Honours require an additional form to be submitted along with this form (see page 5 for details).

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NB Our primary means of communication is by email so you need to keep this information up to date. The progress of your application can be monitored through the Rhodes Online Student Services (ROSS). You will received a password to log into this service by post once we have processed your application. Should you need the password and have not received your log in details by post after a reasonable amount of time please email us on AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za and this will be emailed to you.

Next of kin: ✓

Father Mother Partner Other None

Title, initials & last name of next of kin: _____

NEXT OF KIN (PHYSICAL ADDRESS):

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Title, initials, last name and ID number of person responsible for fees. If self leave blank: _____

Account address. If the same as the home postal address, leave blank: _____

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Do you wish to stay in a University residence? Yes No

House of 1st choice _____ (may answer "ANY") 2nd choice _____

There is no guarantee of accommodation in a preferred residence.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Please give details of the last higher education institution that you attended.

University/institution _____ Student Number _____

Degree/qualification _____ Degree/qualification completed? Yes No

All postgraduate applicants are required to submit with the application form a full official academic transcript reflecting the detailed results, including percentage marks, of all previous qualifications and the award of degree(s). Copies of degree certificates do not constitute an academic transcript.

Applicants who at the time of application are completing a degree requisite for admission, should submit all available academic results on application, with submission of the full/final academic transcript as soon as this is available.

Married women: where your previous qualifications are in your maiden name, please supply a copy of your marriage certificate for record purposes.

Have you attached your academic transcripts? ✓ Yes (if not your application cannot be considered.)

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SIGN THE DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT ON THE NEXT PAGE.
THE FORM WILL BE RETURNED IF IT IS NOT SIGNED.

DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT

I/We, the undersigned, hereby declare that:

To the best of my/our knowledge and belief the information furnished in this application is true and correct and that if it be found to be false, and misleading in any respect, this application may be invalidated and the applicant's registration terminated; and further agree.

That I/We accept liability for damage to University property howsoever caused by the Applicant and indemnify the University against any loss or damage howsoever caused in respect of property left at the University by the Applicant. I/We also indemnify the University against any claim whatsoever for damages howsoever caused or arising which the Applicant may sustain whilst registered as a student at the University, acknowledging that the Applicant's participation in any sporting or other activity at the University or conveyance of the Applicant in any University vehicle, shall be at the Applicant's sole and absolute risk. This indemnity shall be binding on the Applicant's Executors and Heirs.

That I/We acknowledge that a Minimum Initial Payment (MIP) is required by mid-January each year, including the first year of study, unless satisfactory arrangements have been made with the University. Details of the MIP amount will be included in future correspondence with the applicant:

That a statement signed by the Registrar (Finance) shall represent the amount owing to the University by me/us, and further that in the event of such amount being handed over for collection I/we shall pay all legal charges incurred on the attorney and client scale.

That I/We will pay interest on all overdue fees, and disbursements at the rate of 2% per month compounded monthly and calculated from the first day of each month following the date by which final payment of all fees and disbursements must have been made.

That I/We shall abide by all regulations of the University - and further that the applicant shall, if accepted, be under the disciplinary control of the University as from the date on which he/she takes up residence at the University or the day on which he/she commences studies or attends an orientation week or summer school or similar function or registers as a student, whichever is earliest, until the University accepts a notice of withdrawal from me/us or the applicant fails to renew his/her registration on the due date, whichever is the later.

That I/We accept and understand that the University keeps documents, including this Declaration and Agreement, electronically and distributes them as such. The University shall at all times be entitled to utilise such documents in electronic format for whatever purpose required and I/We agree that the electronically generated documents shall replace the originals signed by me.

That although the University does not take any responsibility for informing parents or guardian or major fee contributor of disciplinary action against a student (whether pending or finalized), academic performance or any other matters relating to the student, the University may in its discretion report to the parents or guardian or major fee contributor such breaches of the rules by the applicant as the University deems necessary and further to report on any matter concerning progress, conduct, well-being or health of the applicant, and further that the University may take all such steps as it considers reasonable in the event of the applicant becoming ill or requiring medical attention without the University undertaking any legal obligation to do so.

Signature of applicant: _____

Signature of person responsible for fees (if not applicant): _____

Date: _____

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