

PGCE GUIDE FOR BA MUSIC & SOCIETY AND BMUS STUDENTS¹

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a one-year qualification for graduates who intend to teach in the Senior and FET Phases (grade 7 to grade 12). It is required for professional registration with the [South African Council for Educators \(SACE\)](#). Students who have completed their undergraduate music studies can apply to enrol for the PGCE.

1. Admission requirement

Admission to the PGCE requires an undergraduate university degree with two recognised school subjects.

2. Second school subject

As Music is recognised as one school subject, music students have to reach a certain level in *another* recognised school subject during the course of their undergraduate studies by completing *additional* modules. This is necessary so that the required two methodologies for two different school subjects can be completed for the PGCE.

3. Prerequisites for school subject methodologies on Potchefstroom campus

The table below specifies (in the second column) the modules that have to be completed for the corresponding school subject methodology (in the first column) in the PGCE curriculum. Applicants therefore have to ensure that they complete the prerequisite modules for their chosen second² school subject methodology *before* applying for PGCE.

Available school subject methodologies for PGCE	Prerequisite(s) for the school subject methodology to be completed <u>before</u> admission to PGCE
<i>If you want to take the methodology in this column to teach your second school subject ...</i>	<i>... then you need to complete the modules in this column <u>before</u> starting with PGCE study.</i>
Accounting Methodology	Accounting level 2: [ACCC/F111, 121, ACCC271/F211, 221]
Afrikaansmetodiek	Afrikaans level 3 [AFLL111, 121, 211, 221, 311, 321]
Visual Art Methodology	History of Art level 2 [KSGS113, 122, 212, 222] <u>and</u> Fine / Graphic Art level 2 [GRFO112, 121, 212, 222]
Business Studies Methodology ³	Business Management level 2 [BMAN111, 121, BMAR213, BMAN223]
Computer Applications Technology Methodology	Information Technology / Computer Science level 2 [CMPG111, 121, 122, 211, 213, 221, 222 + MTHS111/112/113/114/123]
Economics Methodology	Economics level 2 [ECON112, 122, 211, 221 + MTHS112/123]
Engineering Graphics and Design Methodology	Graphics or any other relevant modules level 2
English Methodology	English level 3 [ENLL111, 121, 211, 221, 311, 321]

¹ As the PGCE is a postgraduate qualification, diploma students are not eligible for admission.

² Music would be the first school subject and the completed music degree is sufficient for that methodology.

³ EDU.3.3.2 Due to the high volume of Business Studies applications, a cut-off point of 60% average for the highest year level will be set.

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Geography Methodology	Geography level 2 [GEOG111, 121, 211, 221]
History Methodology	History level 2 [HIST112, 123, 213, 223]
Information Technology Methodology	Information Technology / Computer Science level 3 [CMPG111, 121, 122, 211, 213, 221, 223, 311, 313, 315, 321, 324 + MTHS111/112/113/114/123]
Life Sciences Methodology	One of Botany level 3 [PLKS111, 122, 211, 223, 314, 324] or Zoology level 3 [DRKS111, 121, 211, 221, 311, 322] or Physiology level 3 [FLGX113, 123, 213, 223, 224, 312, 313, 317, 325, 328, 329] <u>and</u> the other two on level 1
Learning Area Life Orientation Methodology ⁴	Psychology level 2 [PSYC111, 121, 211/212, 221] <u>and</u> one of Sociology level 1 [SOCY111, 121] or Human Movement Science level 1 [HMCD111, 121] or Labour and Industrial Studies level 1 or Philosophy level 1 [PHIL112, 122] or Political Science level 1 [POLI113, 123] OR Psychology level 1 [PSYC111, 121] <u>and</u> one of Sociology level 2 [SOCY111, 121, 211, 221] or Human Movement Science level 2 [HMCD111, 121, 212, 221] or Labour and Industrial Studies level 2 or Philosophy level 2 [PHIL112, 122, 213, 223] or Political Science level 2 [POLI113, 123, 213, 223]
Mathematics Methodology	Mathematics level 2 [MTHS111, 121, 211, 212, 221, 222] OR Mathematics level 1 <u>and</u> one of Statistics / Mathematical Statistics / Applied Mathematics / Financial Mathematics level 2
Physical Education	Human Movement Science level 2 [HMCD111, 121, 212, 221] or Sport Science level 2 [HMSC111, 121, 211, 222] or Bio kinetics / Child kinetics level 2 [HMSB111, 121, 212, 221]
Physical Sciences Methodology	Physics level 2 [NPHY111, 121, 211, 212, 221, 222] <u>and</u> Chemistry level 1 [NCHE111, 121] OR Physics level 1 [NPHY111, 121] <u>and</u> Chemistry level 2 [NCHE111, 121, 211, 212, 221, 222]
Setswana Methodology	Setswana level 3 [SETM111, 121, 211, 221, 311, 321]
Tourism Methodology	Tourism level 2 [TMBP111, 122, 211, 221]

4. Application for additional modules

Application to register for additional modules has to be approved by both the relevant school director for those modules and your programme manager before registration will be allowed. (Also see 2.3 in the [General Academic Rules](#).)

⁴ EDU.3.3.2 Due to the high volume of Life Orientation applications, a cut-off point of 65% average for the highest subject contributing to the Life Orientation methodology is set.

5. Timetable

As permission for additional modules is dependent on no timetable clashes, it is very important to inform your programme manager by 31 October of the *previous* year if you intend to register for such modules so that it can be taken into account for the following year's timetable. In no instance can provision for additional modules in the timetable be guaranteed.

6. Official documents and enquiries

The information in this guide was taken from the following documents which remain the only official sources on the PGCE at North-West University:

[Postgraduate Certificate in Education at the NWU Faculty of Education website](#)

[NWU Postgraduate Certificate in Education \(PGCE\) 2024 yearbook](#)

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