The PGCE is a one-year full-time qualification. The qualification is not offered part-time, nor by distance or by correspondence study.

**Year Plan 2017**

**Registration:** Thursday 2 February at 10h00 sharp, Neville Alexander Building

3 Feb – 16 Feb: Observation in schools  
17 Feb – 7 April: Lectures  
8 April – 17 April: 1st vacation  
18 April – 19 May: Teaching Practice 1  
22 May – 15 June: Lectures  
16 June – 23 July: Mid-year vacation

24 July – 1 Sept.: Teaching Practice 2  
26 Aug. – 2 Sept.: Lectures  
2 Sept. – 10 Sept.: 3rd vacation  
11 Sept – 20 Oct.: Lectures  
6 Nov.: Year end
There are four PGCEs:

**Primary school teaching**
- Foundation Phase (FP) [Grades R-3; 5-8 years] HG019
- Intermediate Phase (IP) [Grades 4-7; 9-12 years] HG018

**High school teaching**
- Senior Phase & Further Education and Training (SP&FET) [Grades 8-12; 13-17 years] HG020
- Further Education and Training (FET) [Grades 10-12; 15-17 years] HG021 - only for students who do not qualify for SP & FET.

Please apply for the one, which suits you best as your “First choice”. You may indicate a “Second choice”, too, if you wish. However, FP (HG019) cannot be your “Second choice”.

**Core courses:**
- EDN3200W Education
- EDN3221W/3249W/3206W School Experience
- SLL3114W Xhosa Communication for Educators

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See the School of Education website (www.education.uct.ac.za) for further information, and the Humanities Postgraduate Faculty Handbook on the UCT website (www.uct.ac.za) for details of courses.
Primary school teaching
Entry requirements

Foundation Phase (FP): A Bachelor’s degree, which demonstrates appropriate knowledge to teach FP literacy, numeracy and life skills.

The first point to make is that admission to the PGCE (FP) is competitive (one of the requirements being that you need to have experience in working with young children), so you will not be able to guarantee that you will be accepted for it.

The entry requirement for the PGCE (FP) is that your degree contains courses relevant to teaching language, mathematics and lifeskills. Most students will do a BA or BSoSc. The Department of Basic Education recommends a major in an official language and a major in Psychology together with first year mathematics, or Number in Humanities and Quantitative literacy for the Social Sciences. Our requirements are more flexible and can include other options. Language is a key component, so you should study that at least to second year level. There is also a wide range of courses for Life skills, including History, Geography and Life Sciences courses.

Intermediate Phase (IP): A degree in at least two of the following subject areas, comprising in total at least five whole year (2 semester courses = 1 whole year course) qualifying courses and a minimum of 150 credits:

Language(s); linguistics; mathematics and statistics; natural sciences; environmental and geographical science; historical studies and archaeology; psychology; music; fine art; drama; dance; information systems/computer science; human movement studies. Applicants also require a Grade 12 pass in Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.

Phase-specific courses

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High school teaching

Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree containing at least two teaching subjects from the list of Method courses below, with a minimum of two years (60 credits) of study in each.

Exceptions:
- Lifeskills requires a minimum of three years (90 credits) of Psychology.
- Mathematics:
  - For Mathematics SP and Mathematical Literacy: Mathematics 1 (MAM1000W)
  - For: Mathematics SP and Mathematics FET: Mathematics 2 (MAM2000W)
- Natural Sciences requires a minimum of one year (30 credits) in each of two of the following: Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physics; additionally,
  - Life Sciences requires a second year (30 credits) of bioscience (Botany or Zoology), provided a first year course in Biology or Botany and Zoology is also included.
  - Physical Sciences requires a second year (30 credits) of either Chemistry or Physics, & one year (30 credits) in either Physics or Chemistry, e.g. Chemistry 2 and Physics 1.

Method courses

At least two of the following must be taken. Method courses may only be taken in subjects that meet the entrance requirements above.

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Timetable information

The following pertains to the 2016 timetable and is provided as a guide.

Core courses

EDN3200W Education lectures take place Monday, Tuesday at 12:00 and 13:00; Thursdays at 12:00 and 14:00 and Fridays 14:00 and 15:00.
There is one tutorial per week for School Experience.
SLL3114W Xhosa Communication for Educators: the class is divided into groups of approx. 30. There is one lecture per week.

Method courses

Foundation and Intermediate Phase: There are very few empty periods. The day is usually 08:00 to 16:00.

Senior Phase and FET:
Courses usually take a workshop format and are presented in double or treble periods. The larger courses have four or five periods per week, mainly in the mornings. Smaller courses are often in the afternoons, usually for two periods a week.

16 April 2016. Important note: This leaflet is subject to change and is up-dated whenever new information for 2017 becomes available. The most up to date version will be found on our website: www.education.uct.ac.za
Frequently asked PGCE questions

General questions

When do applications open and close?
Applications open on 18 April 2016. The official closing date for applications is 31 October 2016. Early application is advised.

How should I apply?
Apply on the UCT website (grey tab on the right hand side of the home page). If you did not do your undergraduate degree at UCT, you have to submit copies of the degree and the transcript of results to the Admissions Office. Your application is incomplete and will not be processed until these documents are received.

Is there competition for places?
Not usually for the secondary PGCE. But there is a physical limit to the number of PGCE students. When this is reached no further applications will be accepted. As places are limited, and there has been strong demand in recent years, the following applies to the FP PGCE and IP PGCE: applications from SA citizens only who are applying for the PGCE programmes alone (i.e. not as their 'second choice') will be considered in order of receipt after 18 April. Applications for any remaining places will be considered after that, in order of receipt. Early application is advised.

When can I expect to hear about a place?
Once all the information for your application has been received, it should not take longer than a month to receive the formal letter offering a place, if you meet the admission requirements.

What does it cost?
Fees are charged per registered course. The 2016 fees for the PGCEs are in the following ranges: R41 290 for Foundation Phase, R44 180 for Intermediate & Senior Phase, R35 820 for Senior Phase & FET, and R34 370 for FET. There may be increases for 2017. There is an additional levy for international, non-SADC students. International students must please contact the International Office when applying. Few textbooks are prescribed.

Can I do another course concurrently?
There is very little time to fit anything else into the PGCE, particularly the FP PGCE and IP PGCE. So, in general, permission is not given to do courses concurrently, apart from two permitted optional B.Ed (Hons) courses. Even these courses are not recommended for everyone – only for those who have time and commitment to spare. It is usually impossible to do UCT undergraduate courses, as they clash with the PGCE timetable, and with teaching practice periods in particular. Please enquire early should you be interested in concurrent study. Note that a concession is required for any concurrent study.

Do I have a choice of schools at which to do teaching practice?
You will teach at two differently provisioned schools in Cape Town during teaching practice. You will be asked to provide a list of five schools at which you would be prepared to teach for each session. Many
students get their first choices, but you will be required at registration to sign an undertaking that you accept the decision of the Course convenor and Programme Leader in this regard as final.

**Will the PGCE be internationally recognised?**
The PGCE will give you the status of a qualified teacher in South Africa and enable you to register with the South African Council for Educators. The qualification is recognised in many other countries, especially members of the Commonwealth. Every country, however, has its own set of criteria for the award of qualified teacher status and in all probability you will find that you have do something in addition to receive it.

**Are there bursaries?**
UCT has no specific bursaries for the PGCE but there is a limited number of financial aid bursaries available for those who qualify. Please contact the Financial Aid office. The Department of Basic Education offers Funza Lushaka bursaries for prospective Foundation Phase, Maths, Science, Accounting and African Languages teachers (Economics and Geography may also be considered) only. See our website and apply online: www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za, after you have been accepted for the PGCE.

**Teaching observation**
All PGCE students spend two weeks observing in a school before beginning the PGCE, usually immediately after registration. Once you have been offered a place, you will be sent an e-mail giving you full details and a letter of introduction. Please make sure you receive it. For anyone still unsure about which PGCE, a week in each phase is suggested. Full instructions will be provided at registration.

**Specific questions**

**How do the primary school PGCE and the high school PGCE differ?**
The PGCE (FP) is a generalist qualification. The PGCE (IP) qualification is a mix of generalist and specialist. Therefore, these two qualifications are, in the main, more intensive in terms of the number of courses, timetable hours and assessment requirements. The high school PGCEs require subject specific choices and prior study in these subjects (usually for at least two years) in your undergraduate degree for admission.

**Can I change my mind about primary or secondary PGCE?**
Places fill up more quickly for the primary PGCEs than the high school PGCEs. It is thus easier to change from primary school teaching to high school teaching, which can be done if places are available and you meet the entry requirements. You need to indicate your first choice on your application form, and should inform Msakha Mona if you wish to change your choice before or at registration. You may change your registration without a penalty until the end of the first week of lectures.

**Senior Phase and Further Education:**

**(a) Can I take more than one method course?**
Yes. You are usually expected to take two courses. It is often possible to take one more, provided that you have the requisite courses in your degree and places are available.
(b) Can I take only one method course?
Yes, you may be permitted to register for English or Mathematics as the only subject, or the PGCE FET (Grades 10 to 12) [HG021], instead, for certain major method subjects. PGCE (FET) students are also required to take a B.Ed (Hons) course.

- English students who have only one method are also required to take EDN4519F ‘Teaching English in Multilingual Contexts’.
- Mathematics students who have only one method are also required to take EDN4515S ‘Knowledge for Practice in Mathematics Education’