

## FAQs continued

Foundation Phase PGCE by 2014.

### *Do I have a choice of schools at which to do teaching practice?*

It is expected that you will teach at two different 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 asked 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 to do something in addition to receive it.

### *Are there bursaries?*

UCT has no specific bursaries for the PGCE. There is a limited number of financial aid bursaries and some scholarships available for those who qualify. The Department of Basic Education offers Funza Lushaka bursaries for prospective Maths, Science, Economics, Geography, English and African Languages teachers. See our website and apply on-line: [www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za](http://www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za), **after** you have been accepted for the PGCE. Contact Rob Siebörger for further information.

### *Pre-registration teaching observation*

All PGCE students are expected to spend two weeks observing in a school before beginning the PGCE. The usual time to do this is in the last week of January and the first week of February, preceding registration. Once you have been offered a place, you will be sent an e-mail giving you full details and a letter of introduction. You make the arrangements yourself at a school (anywhere) you choose. For anyone unsure about primary or secondary PGCE, a week in each school is suggested.

**Important note:** 21 November 2011. This leaflet is subject to change and is updated whenever new information for 2012 becomes available. The most up to date version will be found on our website: [www.uct.ac.za/depts/educate](http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/educate).



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

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# PGCE in 2012

## Postgraduate Certificate in Education

in

*Primary teaching:* Intermediate & Senior Phases HG014

or

*Secondary teaching:* Senior Phase & Further Education HG015

### Year Plan

<b>Registration:</b> Wednesday 8 February 10:00 sharp	
<b>10 February – 30 March:</b> Lectures	<b>16 June – 22 July:</b> Vac
<b>31 Mar – 9 April:</b> Vac	<b>23 July – 31 Aug.:</b> Teaching Practice 2
<b>10 April – 10 May:</b> Teaching Practice 1	<b>1 Sept. – 9 Sept.:</b> Vac
<b>14 May – 15 June:</b> Lectures	<b>10 Sept – 19 Oct.:</b> Lectures. Year End: 9 Nov.

## Draft 2012

### PRIMARY

Please refer to the list of courses on p.4 – all courses are compulsory except Afrikaans.

	1 08:00	2 09:00	3 10:00	4 11:00
<b>Mon</b>	Maths tut	NST		
<b>Tues</b>	Soc Sc		Maths	
<b>Wed</b>	Exp. Arts: drama & dance			
<b>Thurs</b>	Lifeskills		Maths	
<b>Fri</b>	English		Tut	Prof Studs

### SECONDARY

Please refer to the list of courses on p.5. Education and Professional Studies are compulsory. The other courses are elective method courses.

	1 08:00	2 09:00	3 10:00	4 11:00
<b>Mon</b>		History		
		Maths	Tut option	
<b>Tues</b>		Maths	Tut option	
	Art			
	Drama			
<b>Wed</b>	History		English	
	Physical Science			
<b>Thurs</b>	English			
<b>Fri</b>		Prof Studs (Secondary)	Prof Studs	

## PGCE Questions

*What does it cost?*

2012 fees are: Education, Professional Studies and School Experience courses = R6080 each; method courses listed for primary (Intermediate and Senior phase) = R1770 each, those for secondary (Senior phase and FET) = R3490 each. Expect an increase in 2012. There is an additional levy for international, non-SADC, students of R27 500 – please consult the International Office. Textbooks are not often prescribed.

*Can I do another course concurrently?*

There is very little time to fit anything else into the PGCE, particularly the primary PGCE. So, in general, permission is not given to do courses concurrently, apart from the two permitted optional BEd 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.

*Can I change my mind about primary or secondary PGCE?*

Yes, if places are available. You need to indicate your first choice on your application form, and should inform Rob Siebörger if you wish to change your choice before or at registration, so that there is an accurate list of applicants for each qualification. You may change your registration without a penalty until the end of the first week of lectures.

*Secondary (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 the PGCE Further Education (Grades 10 to 12) HG016, instead, for certain Major method subjects.

*Primary (Intermediate and Senior Phases):* Can I qualify as a Foundation Phase (junior primary) teacher at UCT? No. UCT does not yet train Foundation phase teachers (Grades 1 to 3), but is looking at having a

## Frequently Asked

### How can I know that I meet the admission requirements?

E-mail a copy of the results transcript of your undergraduate (first) degree to Rob Siebörger if you wish to check if you have the right courses for admission. This will form the basis of your eligibility for a place.

### When do applications close?

The official closing date for applications was 31 October. Late applications are accepted till 31 January, as long as places are still available.

### How should I apply?

Apply on Form 1 (download from: <http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/>). If you did not do your undergraduate degree at UCT, you will need to submit copies of the degree and the transcript of results to the Admissions Office. Your application is incomplete and not processed before they are received.

*Is there competition for places?* Not for the secondary PGCE. But there is a physical limit on the number of primary PGCE students. When this is reached no further applications will be accepted. Those who meet the primary PGCE admission requirements fully will be offered a place on a 'first come' basis until applications close on 31 October. Early application is advised. The applications of students for the primary PGCE who do not fully meet the admission requirements will be kept, and will be considered more flexibly after 31 October, in the order of the receipt of the original application, for any remaining places available on the programme. **As of 31 October 2012 primary PGCE is full.**

**No late applications for PGCE secondary beyond 21 November 2011.**

### 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.

### How do the primary PGCE and the secondary PGCE differ?

The primary PGCE is a generalist qualification concentrating largely on Grades 4-7. There are no subject specialisations (all are compulsory), thus it is more intensive. The secondary PGCE requires subject specific choices and prior study in these subjects in your undergraduate degree.

## PGCE timetables

5 12:00	Meridian 13:00	6 14:00	7 15:00	8 16:00
Education		Education	English	
Prof Studs		Prof Studs	Afrikaans	
Education		Education	Exp. Arts: visual art	
Prof Studs		Prof Studs	Maths tut	
Education		Education		

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Education		Education	*		
Prof Studs		Prof Studs	*		
			*		
Education		Education	*		
			NST		Biology
Prof Studs		Prof Studs	*		
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Education	Education				

\* To be confirmed: Two periods per course per week: Geography, Guidance, Economics and Accounting

## Primary teaching

*PGCE Intermediate and Senior phases*

HG014

**N.B. No Primary places remain for 2012. This programme is full.**

### Entrance requirements:

At least five whole year degree courses (2 semester courses = 1 whole year) in at least two of the following subjects:

A language/s; communication; mathematics; the natural sciences; geography; environmental studies; historical studies (including archaeology); primary only: religious studies; psychology; accounting; economics; music; fine arts; drama; dance; information systems; computer science; *primary only*: human movement studies. Additionally, one year only in one of the following will be counted: sociology; philosophy; anthropology; development studies; management; statistics.

### Method courses

The following courses are compulsory:

EDN4084W English  
EDN4134W Mathematics  
EDN4049W Expressive Arts  
EDN4013W Social and Economic Sciences  
EDN4133W Natural Science and Technology  
EDN4096W Lifeskills

The following are optional:

EDN4085W Afrikaans  
EDN4046W Xhosa

*Grades 4-9.[Grade 4 = 9 years old]*

### Pre-registration requirement:

2 weeks teaching observation in a school – details provided after acceptance for the PGCE. See p.8

## Secondary teaching

*PGCE Senior phase and Further*

*Education* HG015

**As of 21 November 2011 late applications for PGCE Secondary will not be accepted, but will be placed on a waiting list.**

### Entrance requirements:

A first degree containing at least two approved teaching subjects from the list provided for *Intermediate and Senior* opposite, with a minimum of two years of degree study in each. Exceptions: Psychology (EDN4052W Guidance) requires three years and for Mathematics one year of study is permitted. Applicants must be able to offer two of the method courses listed below:

### Method courses

At least two of the following options, one of which must normally be from List A. **Method courses may only be taken in subjects that meet the entrance requirements above.**

#### List A: Major methods

EDN4000W English  
EDN4001W Afrikaans  
EDN4138W Dance  
EDN4007W History  
EDN4008W Biology (Grades 10-12)  
EDN4009W Mathematics  
EDN4011W Physical Science (Grades 10-12)  
EDN4098W Natural Science (Senior Phase)  
EDN4015W Art  
EDN4030W Art (Practical)  
EDN4017W Speech and Drama  
MUZ3362F Music Theory and History  
MUZ1329W Music Choir

#### List B: Minor methods

EDN4012W Accountancy  
EDN 4023W Computer Science  
EDN4019W Economics / Business Economics  
EDN4137W Design  
EDN4002W French  
EDN4006W Geography  
EDN4003W German  
EDN4052W Guidance  
EDN4020W Hebrew  
EDN4089W Jewish Studies  
EDN4119W Xhosa

*Grades 7-12.*

*[Grade 7 = 12 years old]*

## Core courses:

EDN4087W Education  
EDN4086W Professional Studies  
EDN4058W School Experience

## Optional courses:

*Two (max.) BEd Honours courses*

## Contact

### Entrance requirements, course information:

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Humanities Graduate School building

### Application, admission and pre-registration teaching forms:

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Humanities Graduate School building

### See our website for full Handbook information:

<http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/educate/>