

Educare

Type of qualification

- Part-time (evening classes)
- Certificates and diplomas are conferred by the Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET)
- All qualifications are nationally recognised by industry and universities

About the qualification

If you enjoy working with children and shaping young minds, are passionate about children's education and psychology, and are excited about creating interesting, stimulating and fun activities for children, then look no further.

Qualified Educare teachers and early child development (ECD) practitioners are very much in demand in South Africa and worldwide.

Career & Job Opportunities

This programme will prepare you for many career opportunities in teaching and ECD, including:

- Pre-school teacher or assistant teacher
- Play group practitioner
- Day care manager
- Au pair
- Health care assistant
- Entrepreneur

Who should attend

This qualification is recommended for anyone who is currently working in or interested in finding employment in the Educare environment working with young children.

Admission Requirements

- National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Senior Certificate or
- An appropriate National Certificate (N3) or equivalent qualification

Duration

Part-time: Minimum 18 months (3 semesters) of tuition + 18 months of practical in-service training. Each semester will be approximately 14 weeks during which classes will be held 3 evenings a week (from 6-9pm).

Certification

Students write national examinations which are set and administered by the DHET.

Successful students will achieve the following certification which is conferred and issued by the DHET:

- National Certificate: N4 Educare (SAQA ID: 66883)
- National Certificate: N5 Educare (SAQA ID: 66971)
- National Certificate: N6 Educare (SAQA ID: 67007)
- National N Diploma: Educare (SAQA ID: 67050) on completion of N4-N6 and 18 months in-service training

Once students have successfully achieved all three N4 – N6 certificates and have worked for 18 months in the Educare environment, they will receive the highly respected National N Diploma: Educare. They can then apply to be registered as an educator with the South African Council for Educators (SACE).

Course material & additional fees

Study material, textbook and examination fees are included in the tuition fee. Students are required to cover any additional costs associated with practical activities and excursions.

Subjects per level

N4	N5	N6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education N4 • Day care personnel development N4 • Educare didactics: theory & practical N4 • Child health N4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day care communication N5 • Educational psychology N5 • Educare didactics: theory & practical N5 • Entrepreneurship & business management N4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day care communication N6 • Educational psychology N6 • Educare didactics: theory & practical N6 • Day care management N6

FACTSHEET



Subject outlines

National Certificate: N4 Educare

N5 and N6 certificate subject outlines are available on request.

Education N4

- The whole-child approach
- Aspects of learning and memory
- Educational approach to children with special intellectual needs

Day care personnel development N4

- Day care systems in South Africa
- Layout of buildings and facilities
- Programme planning
- General administrative work
- Administrative structures
- Self-image development
- Human relations
- Interviews
- Planning and organising a function

Educare didactics: theory & practical N4

- Layout of the baby section (nursery) – centre and home-based
- Educational play and toys
- Written planning
- Observation of babies (birth to 18 months)

Child health N4

- Health of the young child (birth to 6 years)
- Physical aspects of the young child
- Nutrition
- Care of the young child

Language Policy

All classes and assessments are conducted in English. Learners need to be able to understand spoken English and complete their assessments in English.

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I, (student name), hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this factsheet and fully comprehend the specifics explained above pertaining to the National N Diploma: Educare.

Student signature _____ Date _____