Higher Education Training and Development

The vision of the Higher Education Training and Development (HETD) is to become a centre of excellence in African higher education studies.

The vision is premised on the mission to advance knowledge in higher education, as a field of study, through research, teaching, professional development and policy advocacy by way of individual, institutional, national, regional and international collaboration and networking.

Thus HETD

- Offers academic programmes in the areas of higher education
- Provides programmes for professional development in higher education
- Undertakes research and publications in the field of higher education
- Provides resources and expertise in the field of higher education
- Provides a space for a vibrant and stimulating dialogue in higher education



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Advancing Higher Education

Higher Education as Discipline, Profession and Practice





Qualifications and Courses Offered by Higher Education Training and Development—UKZN

Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education

This honours-level qualification is an 8-module programme which provides an introduction to a range of higher education areas. It is a combination of practical and theoretical perspectives.



As such, it would be useful to Higher Education

ers teaching, researching or administering in universities, and FET colleges. The areas covered provide an excellent foundation for understanding the Higher Education environment today, as well as providing hands on engagement in interactive sessions.

Minimum entry into the Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education is an honours degree or equivalent, and experience in a higher education environment. It is a 2-year part-time course.

Masters in Higher Education Teaching and Learning

HEDT offers two Masters qualifications. The specialization in Teaching and Learning provides a sound background into the Higher Education environment as well as into the elements of teaching at all Higher Education levels. This qualification is useful for academics passionate about teaching their disciplines both undergraduate and postgraduate, and those wanting to improve the experience of their students. Participants have an opportunity to explore advanced in pedagogy, curriculum and assessment.

Masters in Higher Education Professional Practice

The Professional Practice specialization is useful for professional administrators in Higher Education. It provides a broad introduction to the Higher Education environment as well as exploring different aspects especially relevant to those working in Student Administration, or Institutional Administration. The approach is interactive and grounded in the practicalities of practice whilst providing a good theoretical grounding.

Full thesis Masters is also possible.

Requirements and Programme Information:

Minimum entry is an honours degree or equivalent in any discipline.

The programme is 2 years part-time and consists of 4 core modules, 2 electives and a 50% dissertation.

PhD in Higher Education

PhD in Higher Education is offered by HETD. This is an exciting programme where individual candidates are supported by not only their supervisor but are also through participation in a cohort programme which provides a solid grounding in Higher Education issues and research in the sector.

There are opportunities to interact with a range of international and national Higher Education academics through the programme.

Other Offerings:

HETD also offers these short courses and workshops through the University Extended Learning

- University Education Induction Programme modules
- Leadership Development Programme in Higher Education

It is possible to enroll for individual modules provided those modules are on offer that year.

