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ADMISSION TO THE PhD IN SOCIAL WORK FOR 2022

1. Admission criteria

1.1 From the yearbook:

Programme: Social Work

Qualification code: 8CE R01

The curriculum composed in this programme is of an academic nature. It gives the opportunity for the development of specialised and advanced knowledge and should enable the qualified student to distinguish himself/herself as a leader and researcher in the field of Social Work. The closing date for applications is 30 September. (After this date applications, will be considered on merit). The studies can be conducted full-time or part-time.

Faculty specific rules and requirements of the programme

- a) Admission to this programme/curriculum takes place after obtaining the master's degree in Social Work and with consideration of the student's previous academic performance;
- b) Completion of an Academic Literacy test or equivalent assessment to demonstrate reading and writing ability may be required, the final scores of which should be above 60%;
- c) Each applicant will be subjected to a selection interview conducted by the post graduate panel of the subject group. For this purpose, a structured interview schedule will be used, and the average of panellist's ratings will serve as selection criterion.
- d) Submission of an abbreviated research proposal will serve as final selection criterion.
- e) Students registering for this programme/curriculum should supply proof of registration as a social worker according to the Act on Social Service Professions (Act 110 of 1978).
- f) Prospective applicants may have to complete and pass a short refresher course in research methods.

2. The Application process

Complete and submit the official NWU PhD application form

This is available at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions> or contact:

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PLEASE NOTE that this document should be sent to the address indicated on the form, and not to myself or anyone at the NWU Department of Social Work.

3. International applicants

Applicants from abroad will only be allowed to register as a PhD student at the NWU after acquiring a valid South African study permit. Please contact Mrs Annelishé van der Spoel (Annelishe.VanDerSpoel@nwu.ac.za, or at +27 18 299 2919) for assistance in this regard. Applicants will also be required to provide a SAQA (South African Qualification Authority) certificate as proof of equivalence for all qualifications obtained abroad. You can apply for such accreditation at <https://www.saqa.org.za/evaluation-foreign-qualifications>.

4. Financial assistance

The North-West University offers a number of bursaries and loans for postgraduate studies. Information on availability and application processes can be found at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/bursaries-and-loans>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions. We are looking forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely



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