

College of Education
Department of Education Leadership & Management (DELM)
Research focus areas for 2027

- School governance and administration
- Education policy and law
- Management of politics in education
- Education and democracy
- Continuous professional development
- Quality assurance
- Participative management
- Managing diversity
- Personnel training and development
- Indigenous knowledge systems
- Gender and leadership/ female leadership
- Instructional leadership and school governance
- Educational inequality/reform
- The South African education system
- School and teacher effectiveness
- School improvement
- Open distance learning/e-Learning
- Teamwork and self-management
- Stress/conflict management
- Technology and learner support management
- Management of early childhood education centres
- Management of adult education centres
- Transformational leadership
- Distributed leadership/Shared leadership
- Rural educational leadership
- Research methodologies in education
- Change leadership/Change management
- Ethical leadership
- Student support
- Vocational education and training (TVET colleges)

Research projects that postgraduate students can participate in

Name of project	Brief description of the project	Project leader	No of available positions for MEd students for 2026	No of available positions for PhD students for 2026
The i-STEAM: Institutional Managers' Programme for Development of Girls and Young Women'	Enabling the leadership of girls and young women in the male-dominated sectors	Prof LL Toolo	2	1

Focused M & D programmes

Name of programme	Qualification code	Curriculum
MEd in Education Management	98405	Research proposal module plus full research dissertation
MEd in Education Management	98420	3 Course work modules, a research proposal module
PhD in Education (Stream: Education Management - EDM)	90019	Research proposal module and full research thesis

Details of individual supervisors and their research interests or fields of expertise

Name of supervisor	Research interest / field of expertise	No of positions for MEd students available for 2026	No of positions for PhD students available for 2026
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Prof SA Coetzee	• Education law and policy • Education and democracy • Labour Law in Education • Sexual misconduct • Education management and leadership • School governance and administration	0	0

	Continuous professional development		
Prof SS Khumalo	- School improvement and effectiveness - Participative management - Transformational leadership - Social Justice Education - Organizational Development in Education - Open and Distance Education	2	4
Prof T Lekalakala	- Education management - School governance and administration - Education policy and law - School and teacher effectiveness	1	3
Prof M Lekhetho	- Educational leadership and management - School governance - School effectiveness and improvement - Quality education - Quality assurance - Open and Distance Learning (ODL) - Sociology of Education	1	3
Prof RI Lumadi	- School management - Quality assurance - Teaching practice in an ODL context - Education policy and law - School and teacher effectiveness - Learner discipline and management - Parental Involvement	1	4
Prof PR Machaisa	- Education law - Comparative education - Educational leadership and management - The South African education system - Managing diversity	6	3

	• School governance and administration		
Prof VP Mahlangu	• Professional development • Quality assurance • Education policy and law • School governance and administration • Open distance learning/e-Learning • Gender and leadership/ female leadership • Managing diversity • Personnel training and development	0	4
Dr MS Mataboge	• Educational Leadership and Management • Organizational Management /School Management • Classroom Management • School governance and administration	2	3
Prof VJ Pitsoe	• Teacher professional development • Educational leadership and management • Educational policy • Open distance learning/e-Learning • Values education and democracy • Philosophy of education and • Indigenous knowledge systems	1	4
Dr EK Prins	• Educational leadership and management • School governance and administration • Teacher effectiveness in the classroom • Personnel training and development • Education policy and law	1	0
Dr J Rapeta	• Education policy and law • Education and democracy	1	3

	• Management of politics in education • Safety in Schools • Educational stakeholders and labour issues. • Redeployment of Educators. • Educators Duty of Care • Learner discipline.		
Prof MS Sepeng	• School choice • Educational leadership and management	2	3
Prof LL Toolo	• Youth Development • Female Leadership • Socioeconomic Empowerment • Stakeholder Coordination in Education	1	3

Models of supervision

The individual and co-supervision models are used. Co-supervision is mostly done for mentoring purposes and multi-, inter- and trans-disciplinary (MIT) research. Some supervisors in the college supervise across departments. Students are therefore advised to study the lecturer profiles of other departments in the college when trying to identify a suitable supervisor.

Opportunities regarding external supervision

External supervisors will be considered if a suitable supervisor is not available in the department. However, this will depend on the financial viability of the Department.

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