

## 4.1.2.1 MEd (Education Policy Studies) (Full Thesis)

### Programme content

The primary aims of the MEd programme (Education Policy Studies) are to:

- assist you as an educator to develop your critical understanding of education policy in the context of democratic transformation;
- challenge you to analyse, reflect on and question educational theories, policies and practices;
- enhance your skills and leadership to enact change; and
- encourage you to explore creative responses to diversity.

A secondary aim is to equip you with the necessary research skills to undertake further advanced studies at doctoral level and to do research on Education Policy Studies. These aims include the competence to function as researchers of educational policy in professional contexts.

The themes that are explored include:

- Democratic praxis and educational transformation, including policy developments within the South African political context
- Values in education, including equality, liberty, diversity, justice, shared compromise, practical reasoning and community
- Globalisation, internationalisation and free market ideology
- Centralisation/decentralisation dynamics
- International comparative studies on learner achievement and school effectiveness
- The learning institution and the nurturing of quality within instructional change
- Developing supportive processes, systems (organisation building) and funding

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