

EDUCATOR



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Educators are responsible for the facilitation of learning and the development of skills in children. Teaching is one of the most exciting and responsible professions and sets very high standards. Apart from facilitating learning, the educator is also concerned with the development of the learners' character and their sense of responsibility.

The nature of the educator's work will depend on the age of the children that they teach and the nature of the training that they received. Prospective educators can consider pre-primary, primary or secondary education at specialist academically orientated schools.

Schools can specialize in certain subject fields including technical, commercial, agricultural and art subjects.

Pre-primary (pre-school) education focuses on the emotional development of the small child. It is the task of pre-primary educators to lay the foundation for later education and training. They present a balanced educational programme in which special attention is drawn to developing communication skills and interpersonal relationships. The education of small children involves a variety of activities which educators plan and organize.

Besides the formal education given in the primary and secondary classroom, the educators is also expected to plan and organize extracurricular activities such as sporting events, cultural activities and tours. Educators are also required to do administrative work which includes tasks such as setting examination papers, marking answer sheets, marking homework, the completion of registers and writing of reports.

The educator working in the field of special education, works with children who have speech and hearing disabilities, learning disabilities, blindness, deafness, hardness of hearing, mental and physical handicaps. These children require specialized attention and are taught through specially developed apparatus and techniques. The educator works as part of a multi-professional team consisting of physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc.

An educator needs to understand children and enjoy working with them. Good communication skills, fairness, maturity and a sincere caring attitude, tactfulness, a strong sense of responsibility, discipline and tolerance are important qualities which an educator should possess.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements vary according to the chosen field of study.

TRAINING

UNIVERSITY

Most universities offer a four-year BEd degree.

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

BEd: Education (FET) (In the chosen field of study)

MEd: Education

DEd: Education

Foundation Phase – Grades R-3 – BEd – full-time four-years study.

Intermediate Phase – Grades 4-7 – BEd – full-time four-years study.

Secondary Phase – Grades 8-12 – B-degree – full-time three-year study plus postgraduate certificate in education – full-time one-year study.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

An educator can work at any private or public school. The educator that work hard and studies further can be promoted to positions such as head of department, vice- or principal of the school, inspector of schools, or a lecturer at a university.

Educators can work for themselves if they have the necessary resources to establish a private school and pay for services rendered by educators whom they employ. To earn an extra income, educators can give extra or part-time classes.