

Teacher Professional Learning (TPL)

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Area served:

Currently: Western Cape, Northern Cape and Limpopo Provinces
Possible: All provinces

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Can students get involved?

Postgraduate students with more than 5 years of teaching experience can contact us for further information.

Programme Information

The main objective of the Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) unit is to offer academic professional learning opportunities and support to school and office-based educators to enhance their academic knowledge and pedagogical skills and promote implementation and critical reflection within their educational context, with the ultimate aim of improving educators' qualifications and supporting their learners to perform at their full potential.

The TPL practice-based professional learning model for teachers addresses their current needs and improves their knowledge and practice.

The TPL component views innovation in educator education as the attainment of equity and social justice by breaking down the barriers to attain a reparative and

transformative perspective on education. A professional programme pipeline also envisages keeping those teachers with a passion for teaching and lifelong learning in the classroom, rather than losing them to the higher education sector and academia, to improve South Africa's basic education sector learner outcomes.

The TPL programme pipeline consists of workshops, short courses, and full qualifications (Advanced Diplomas in Education and Post Graduate Diplomas) focusing mainly on mathematics, the sciences, and school leadership and management.

SUNCEP enters into contractual agreements with funders, e.g. Education Department(s), corporates, etc. annually. All TPL courses are thus presented to cohorts of students, as identified by funders. SUNCEP does not accept individual applications for TPL courses.