



**University of Nairobi**  
**College of Education and External Studies**  
**School of Education**  
**Department of Educational Administration and Planning**



**MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIALISATION IN EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES**

**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

Around 28 million children currently out of school worldwide live in countries affected by conflict, and millions more are affected by natural hazards. To ensure children who are experiencing these crises do not continue to miss out on vital schooling, the University of Nairobi (UoN), with technical support from the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and financial support from Unbound Philanthropy and the Humanitarian Aid department of the European Commission, is now offering students interested in pursuing graduate study the opportunity to specialize in Education in Emergencies. This unique collaboration will develop human resource capacity among enrolled students and education practitioners working in East Africa in order to prepare them to provide quality education programming in emergency and post-crisis settings in developing countries.

Through coursework, internships and research projects, students will examine the range of educational activities and the related challenges that take place in the field of education in emergencies. A sample of these activities include:

- Establishing safe learning spaces for children in the midst of conflict;
- Collaborating with international organizations and education authorities to ensure recognition of student and teacher certifications acquired during displacement;
- Tailoring educational and vocational programmes to the needs of out-of-school children and youth;
- Assisting ministries of education to rebuild and strengthen their in-service teacher training system after a conflict; and
- Drafting emergency preparedness plans for the education sector in anticipation of natural hazards, such as floods and droughts, as well as political and economic instability.

Upon completion of the M.Ed. and depending on previous work experience, students may: work with aid agencies or other international organizations on their education teams; join the Ministry of Education and build capacity to deliver inclusive and quality education in emergency situations; or, infuse their work in schools as teachers or administrators with an enhanced understanding of education in emergencies.

Students can pursue the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree through the University of Nairobi's full-time, part-time and/or school-based programme (see inset for more details).

The University of Nairobi also offers short study courses and plans to offer additional study options in the future, including diploma and certificate courses.

**PROGRAMME STUDY OPTIONS AND DURATION:**

**FULL-TIME**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: October 2011
- Day classes
- 4-8 semesters (minimum, maximum duration)

**PART-TIME**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: October 2011
- Evening classes
- 4-12 semesters (minimum, maximum duration)

**SCHOOL-BASED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: December 2011
- Intensive study during school holidays: December, April and August (2 school holidays of 4 weeks constitute 1 semester)
- Designed for full-time teachers, education officers and others interested in holiday study

***Graduation takes place annually in September, but ultimately depends on student progress***

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants for the M.Ed. must have completed a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or
- Completed a B.Ed. with at least Lower Second Class Honours AND at least two (2) years working experience, or
- Completed a relevant post-graduate diploma in education plus a university degree with Second Class Honours

## TUITION FEES

Tuition and fees are charged on a semester basis and should be paid before registration is processed. See tuition/fee table for details, currency exchange will vary. International students should add 20% to all charges.

## PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

The total number of M.Ed. course units required to graduate is 18 units. All course units are comprised of 60 contact hours. The M.Ed. programme of study within the Department of Educational Administration and Planning includes the following core and elective units:

## GENERAL EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING CORE UNITS *(Students are required to take 10 core units):*

- TAP 501 - Statistics for Educational Research
- TAP 502 - Research Methods in Education
- TAP 503 - ICT Applications in Education
- TAP 504 - Theories and Practice of Education in Emergencies\*
- TAP 505 - Curriculum Theory and Practice
- TAP 506 - Educational Finance
- TAP 507 - Educational Policy Formation and Planning
- TAP 508 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- TAP 509 - Theories of Educational Administration
- TAP 510 - Human Resource Management in Education

## ELECTIVE COURSES *(Students are required to take 4 elective units in specialization)*

- TAP 560 - Education Programme Planning and Management in Crisis and Reconstruction
- TAP 562 - The Protective Role of Education in Emergencies and Reconstruction
- TAP 564 - Education Policies, Advocacy and Research in Emergency and Reconstruction
- TAP 566 - Inclusive and Quality Education in Emergencies
- TAP 568 - Contemporary and Emerging Issues in Education in Emergencies
- TAP 569 - Physical Education and Sport in Emergencies

Course units are conducted through lectures, discussion groups, seminars and field assignments. Classes meet on the main campus of the University of Nairobi in the capital and/or at the Kikuyu campus, where the College of Education and External Studies is located, about 24 kilometres from the main campus.

## EXAMINATIONS

All course units will be examined in the semester in which they are taken. The examinations shall comprise continuous assessment, end of semester examinations and a written project. The pass mark shall be 50%. Candidates will be required to pass all prescribed units to be awarded the degree.

## DEGREE AWARD REQUIREMENTS

After successful completion of core units, students are required to choose the topic for their research project. The

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION TUITION	
Tuition per unit	12,000Ksh
Examinations per unit	1000Ksh
ADDITIONAL FEES PER YEAR (2 Years)	
Medical	5,000KSh
Library	3,000KSh
Activity	2,000KSh
Computer	5,000KSh
Registration	1,000KSh
Student ID	500KSh
Research	50,000KSh
Caution (paid once; refundable)	5,000KSh

research project is equivalent to four (4) units and is completed during the final semester. For a M.Ed. degree to be awarded, a student must complete 18 units, which includes the 4-unit research project.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The *Center for Strategic Programmes and Links* (CIPL) is a central point of contact for international students and the office can assist with orienting new students to the University. The CIPL is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Gandhi Wing, Rooms 213A-D. The office can also be reached via email at [international@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:international@uonbi.ac.ke).

The *Student Welfare Authority* (SWA) is responsible for student accommodation and catering. Students who would like to be considered for on-campus accommodation in the residence halls should apply to the Director of the SWA through the respective Dean/Director of Faculty. Students can also find private accommodations outside of the University (e.g. hostels, homestays, apartments). The SWA can be reached at [dswa@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:dswa@uonbi.ac.ke).

### ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Postgraduate application forms can be obtained from the University of Nairobi, Main Campus, Gandhi Wing Room G3, or downloaded from the website (<http://www.uonbi.ac.ke/admission/>). The non-refundable application fee of 3,000KSh may be paid by direct deposit to:

**Bank:** Barclays (Westlands Branch)  
**Account:** UNES/UON collection account  
**A/C No:** 03-073-1023948  
**Swift code:** Barckenx

Bankers Cheques will also be accepted. Cash payments will not be accepted. Completed application forms, including copies of degree certificates, transcripts and the receipt showing payment of the application fee, should be returned **IMMEDIATELY** to **BOTH** the following offices:

<p><b>The Director</b>  <b>Board of Postgraduate Studies</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b>  <b>P.O. Box 30197-00100 GPO</b>  <b>Nairobi</b>  <b>Kenya</b></p>	<p><b>University of Nairobi</b>  <b>Kikuyu Campus</b>  <b>School of Education</b>  <b>Department of Educational Administration and Planning</b>  <b>P.O. Box 30197</b>  <b>Nairobi</b>  <b>Kenya</b></p> <p><i>(Note: The School of Education will help oversee your application through the Board of Postgraduate Studies)</i></p>
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Please visit the website for more information and to download the Postgraduate Application Form:  
<http://www.uonbi.ac.ke/admission/>

### FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 APRIL 2011

*Please note: Applications from international students received past the deadline may be considered for admission at the discretion of the Department for Educational Administration and Planning.*

### QUESTIONS?

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