

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Don't have a school leaving certificate
but would like to obtain a degree?

See if you qualify for our alternative
route to Higher Education



Admissions to Helderberg College of Higher Education through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

DATE: 21 October to 8 November 2024

Who qualifies for Recognition of Prior Learning? An individual who:

- Is 23 years or older;
- Does not have a school leaving certificate (Senior Certificate or equivalent NQF level 4 certificate);
- Has work experience of at least 5 years or has acquired skills through formal and/ or informal training.

What does the Recognition of Prior Learning involve?

- A successful applicant will be allowed to participate in the Portfolio Development Course;
- As part of the Portfolio Development Course the learner will write an English language skills test;
- The course will be presented online over a period of three weeks during which candidates will have to complete and submit their portfolios for assessment.



What are the possible results of participating in the Portfolio Development Course?

- If the portfolio meets the specified standards for entry, the HCHE Senate will accept the applicant conditionally. The student will be required to acquire 120 credits in a degree programme in order to gain full Matriculation Exemption.
- If the applicant is not successful in the portfolio development course, but still shows potential for further development then he/she may be accepted into the one-year Foundation-Year Programme (Bridging).
- Should the applicant be unsuccessful in meeting the standards for the portfolio development course, the assessor will advise applicants on what steps might be necessary to improve their capabilities and to continue the process of lifelong learning.

What procedure does the applicant need to follow for admission?

1. Interested applicants must send a letter to the Admissions Office at apply@hche.ac.za, motivating why they wish to study at Helderberg College of Higher Education. The letter must specify which qualification they are interested in.
2. The letter must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae as well as a copy of the last school certificate.
3. Upon receipt of this information the Admissions Committee will decide whether the applicant qualifies to enrol for the Portfolio Development Course.
4. The applicant will be informed of the decision by the Admissions Office and will be advised on how to proceed with the application process.

Cost:

Course Tuition Fees:

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Data costs:

**5 hours a day- about 14 GB
(at own expense)**

Please note: This course may not be used for admission into the Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching degree programme.

Helderberg College of Higher Education is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa, as a Private Higher Education Institution in terms of Section 54(1)(c) of the Higher Education Act, (Act No 101 of 1997), 2002, Certificate No. 2001/HE08/001.