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DIVINE WORD UNIVERSITY

FULL TIME PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENT
GUIDE FOR NON SCHOOL LEAVERS





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2025





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MORESBY
CAMPUS**

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**WEWAK
CAMPUS**

**MADANG
CAMPUS**



Why study at DWU?

CORE VALUES

Graduate with Christian principles

TECHNOLOGY

Blended mode of teaching and learning

DIVERSITY

Open to all

OPPORTUNITY

Study Full-time or Flexible

3 PILLARS

Teaching & Learning, Research and Community Service






DIVINE WORD UNIVERSITY

Divine Word University (DWU) is a National University. It offers a wide range of Full-Time programs within the faculties of Arts and Social Science, Business and Informatics, Education, Medicine and Health Sciences.

This general information guide is for Non-School Leavers. Non-School Leaver Category applicants are persons who have sat and completed their Grade 12 National Examination in previous years wishing to pursue tertiary studies.





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Faculty
OF Arts &
Social Sciences

Full-Time programs offered at the Madang Campus under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

- **Bachelor of Arts (Papua New Guinea and International Studies)**
- **Bachelor of Arts (Social and Religious Studies)**
- **Bachelor of Arts (Social Work)**
- **Bachelor of Communication Arts (Journalism)**



These are the full time programs offered under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

Bachelor of Arts (Papua New Guinea & International Studies)

CAMPUS: MADANG

Applicants must have a minimum 'B' in English and a 'B' grade average in final year 12 examinations or matriculation studies for Mathematics A or B and all social science subjects. Recognition of prior learning is possible for candidates who have had a mature career in fields such as teaching or clerical work so that their competencies can be shown to have matched the standard requirements for entry.

Bachelor of Arts (Social & Religious Studies)

CAMPUS: MADANG

Entry into the program requires successful completion of Grade 12 national examinations with an overall "B" average, in English (language and Literature), social sciences, mathematics, religious studies and personal development. Special consideration is given to students who have had advanced diplomas/ diploma from recognized institutions such as seminaries as prior learning which allows for further development. Previous religious training should include and reflect a genuine acquisition of knowledge in scripture, theology, pastoral, counseling and psychology subjects with a focus on the Church teachings on social justice and with a view of rendering service within the PNG Churches.

Bachelor of Communication Arts (Journalism)

CAMPUS: MADANG

Requires a minimum of "B" grade in Language and Literature and "B" grade average in all other subjects taken at Grade 12 level. Applicants with Social Science background are preferred.

Bachelor of Arts (Social Work)

CAMPUS: MADANG

Entry into the program requires successful completion of Grade 12 national examinations with an overall "B" average, in English (language and Literature), social sciences, mathematics, religious studies and personal development.

Consideration is given to students who have completed a Matriculation program, Non-school Leavers and those who have been working successfully in the related fields of the program for at least five years. Evidence of such work should accompany the application form with recommendations from community leaders, pastors or priests accompanying the application for entry into the program.





Faculty
OF Business &
Informatics

Full-Time programs offered under the Faculty of Business and Informatics:

- **Bachelor of Business (Accountancy and Management)**
Is also offered at our Port Moresby Campus
- **Bachelor of Information Systems**
- **Bachelor of Mathematics and Computing Science**
- **Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management**



These are the full time programs offered under the Faculty of Business and Informatics:

**Bachelor of Business
(Accountancy & Management)
CAMPUS: MADANG AND
PORT MORESBY**

Requires a minimum grade of “B” in English, a “C” grade in Mathematics A, as well as “B’s” in all other subjects are required at the Grade 12. Successful applicants enter as Business Studies students. Students are streamed after completing Year Two into Accountancy or Management depending on their academic performance during the first two years of study.

**Bachelor of Information Systems
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires a minimum of “B” or better grades in Language and Literature and Mathematics A/Advanced Mathematics AND “B” grades or better in any of the two or more subjects taken at Grade 12 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Economics, Information Communication Technologies). If you have taken Mathematics B, Do Not apply.

**Bachelor of Mathematics and
Computing Science
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires “B” grade or better grades in Language and Literature, Advanced Mathematics and Physics and “C” grades or better in other Grade 12 subjects taken.

**Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality
Management
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires minimum “B” grade average in the final year 12 examinations. Good communication skills are necessary for the program. Consideration may be given to those applicants with relevant work experience in the field of Tourism & Hospitality.






Faculty
OF Education

Full-time programs offered under the Faculty of Education:

- **Master of Educational Leadership**
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)**





These are the Full Time course programs offered under the Faculty of Education:

The Bachelor of Education (Primary)

CAMPUS: RABAU AND WEWAK

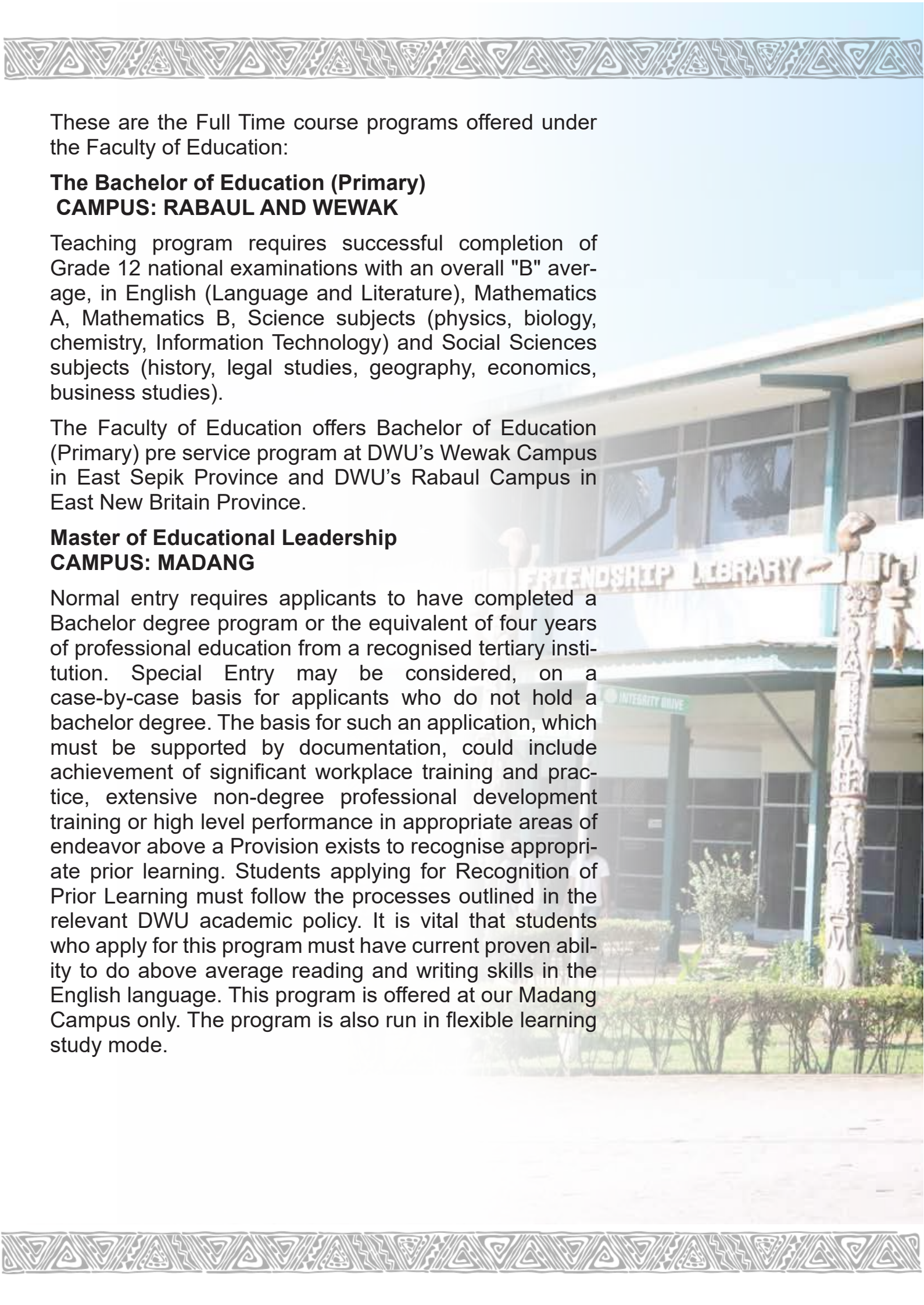
Teaching program requires successful completion of Grade 12 national examinations with an overall "B" average, in English (Language and Literature), Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Science subjects (physics, biology, chemistry, Information Technology) and Social Sciences subjects (history, legal studies, geography, economics, business studies).

The Faculty of Education offers Bachelor of Education (Primary) pre service program at DWU's Wewak Campus in East Sepik Province and DWU's Rabaul Campus in East New Britain Province.

Master of Educational Leadership

CAMPUS: MADANG

Normal entry requires applicants to have completed a Bachelor degree program or the equivalent of four years of professional education from a recognised tertiary institution. Special Entry may be considered, on a case-by-case basis for applicants who do not hold a bachelor degree. The basis for such an application, which must be supported by documentation, could include achievement of significant workplace training and practice, extensive non-degree professional development training or high level performance in appropriate areas of endeavor above a Provision exists to recognise appropriate prior learning. Students applying for Recognition of Prior Learning must follow the processes outlined in the relevant DWU academic policy. It is vital that students who apply for this program must have current proven ability to do above average reading and writing skills in the English language. This program is offered at our Madang Campus only. The program is also run in flexible learning study mode.





Faculty
OF Medicine &
Health Sciences

**Full-Time programs offered under the Faculty
of Medicine and Health Sciences:**

- **Bachelor of Environmental Health**
- **Bachelor of General Nursing**
- **Bachelor of Health Management**
- **Bachelor of Health Sciences (Rural Health)**
- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery**
- **Bachelor of Physiotherapy**
- **Diploma in General Nursing**
- **Advanced Diploma in Eye Care**



These are the Full Time course programs offered under the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

**Bachelor of Environmental Health
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires a minimum of “B” grade in Language and Literature, “B” grade or better in General Mathematics (Maths B) or “C” grade or better in Advance Mathematics (Maths A) and “B” grade or better in Chemistry, Physics and Biology at Grade 12 level or equivalent. If you have not taken Biology at Grade 12 do not apply.

**Bachelor of Health Management
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires a “B” grade average in all subjects taken at Grade 12. This is a non-clinical program. Students taking up Social Science subjects are strongly encouraged to apply for this program. Health Care workers such as health extension officers and nurses with 5years’ experience in management positions in health facilities are encouraged to apply.

**Bachelor of Health Sciences (Rural Health)
CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires a minimum of “B” grade average in Language and Literature, Advanced Mathematics or General Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Applied Science at Grade 12 level or equivalent. If you have not taken Biology at Grade 12, do not apply. Applicants who upgraded their marks from recognized institutions must score a “B” average for required Science subjects taken and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above.

Nurses and Community Health Workers (CHWs) below the age of 30 years who have upgraded their Grade 12 grades to “B” average are also given preference and encouraged to apply. All applicants must provide a current character reference from a recognized community leader such as pastor or councilor and an academic reference from the school they last attended. Nurses and CHWs currently employed must also provide a support or endorsement letter from their current employer. All applicants must provide a 500 words explanation on how, gaining this training will contribute to the development of the HEO profession, PNG health sector and PNG as a country.



Bachelor of Physiotherapy **CAMPUS: MADANG**

Requires Grade 12 level and must have a minimum of “B” grades in Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science. Students who upgraded their marks from a recognized institution must score a “B” grade or better in these subjects.

Applicants must have at least two (2) years’ work experience in rehabilitation and submit with their application a recommendation from their supervising physiotherapist. Applicants must also submit a supervised English essay to explain why they would like to enroll in the Physiotherapy program. Preferences will be given to Physiotherapy aides, nurses and Health Extension Officers with experience and exposure in rehabilitation services, however, applicants who do not have such experience or exposure will not be disadvantaged and are encouraged to apply.

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery **CAMPUS: MADANG**

Non-school leavers will be subject to sit for an entry exam as part of the selection for the program. Applicants who can provide a valid, signed contract to work in a rural hospital after the residency training will receive bonus points.

Advanced Diploma in Eye Care

Entry will require previous qualification in a health discipline (Diploma in Nursing or Diploma in Health Extension) and currently employed in active service. Special Entry may be considered, on a case-by-case basis, for those who do not satisfy this requirement.

Those candidates intending to apply are encouraged to seek initial advice from the Education Manager of the Eye Care Program within the Health Extension Department at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Entry requirements also include a minimum of one year’s experience in a health related field. Work experience with an Eye Clinic will be an advantage. The Admissions Committee consists of two to three members of the department with the Registrar in consultation with the FHFNZ Academic Committee. The Admission Committee will investigate and scrutinise all applications. The decisions of the Admission Board will be communicated in writing and should not be presumed until such a decision has been communicated.

Bachelor in General Nursing **CAMPUS: RABAUL**

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have successfully completed Grade 12 education level with A and B grades in language and literature, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Our Wewak campus offers only Diploma in Nursing program.

Diploma in General Nursing **CAMPUS: WEWAK**

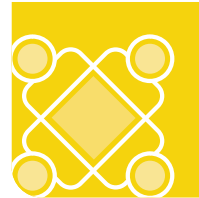
This program is offered at the St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rabaul Campus. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have successfully completed Grade 12 education level with A and B grades in language and literature, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Our Wewak campus offers only Diploma in Nursing program.



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Faculty
OF Business &
Informatics



Faculty
OF Education



Faculty
OF Medicine &
Health Sciences

To apply for our programs, see contact details:

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For Education and Diploma in Nursing program at Wewak St Benedicts campus, email psuaki@dwu.ac.pg

For Education, Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery programs at Rabaul Kaba-
leo campus, email msange@dwu.ac.pg

For Bachelor of Business (Accountancy and Management) program at Port
Moresby campus, email jaiio@dwu.ac.pg

For the Master of Educational Leadership at Madang campus, email
ekili@dwu.ac.pg



(FAQs) Frequently asked questions and their answers

1. Where can I apply as a Non-School Leaver applicant?

Answer: Non-School Leaver applicants can apply to DWU programs through the Non-School Leaver application process. The Non-School Leaver application forms will be made available on the DWU official website and our official Facebook page. Applicants can also consult the email address provided on this information e-book to request an application form. The application form provides guidelines on how to apply.

2. When can I apply?

Answer: The NSL application round for 2026 academic studies opens in May 2025 and will close on the 31st of July 2025. Applications must be received before the due date.

3. Can I apply for two or more programs at the same time as a Non-School Leaver?

Answer: Yes. Processing fees will apply. It is K100 per application.

4. Can a successful candidate defer an offer to study a program at DWU?

Answer: No, once an applicant is selected, he or she must register for the program in the chosen academic year or will be required to reapply again as a Non-School Leaver.



5. When should I receive my acceptance letter?

Answer: Accepted applicants will be able to receive their letter of offer via their nominated email addresses provided on the NSL application form. Hard copies of the offer letters will be posted to their nominated postal address. Email addresses are preferred as the information will reach accepted applicants quicker.


6. What are the current fees?

Answer: Applicants can consult the DWU Fee Structure for 2025 available on the DWU website to prepare for expected fees. It is advised that fees are subject to change. Offer letters will detail expected fees.





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