

OUR STORY

Cornerstone Institute, since its inception in 1970, has always provided access to higher education with a difference. Our bouquet of certificates, diplomas, undergraduate and post-graduate degree programmes covers fields of study including Theology, Psychology, Business, Sociology, Media, Education and Community Development. Everything we do at Cornerstone Institute is underpinned by our values of:

- Inclusivity
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Unity
- Respect
- Creativity

As a small institution of higher learning, we provide all our students the individual attention they need to succeed in their studies and to advance to further studies and/or employment.

OUR ROLE

As an inclusive higher education institution Cornerstone Institute draws together a diverse learning community galvanized by the following vision and mission:

VISION

Teaching and learning in the service of others to advance human dignity and social justice for all.

MISSION

Our integrative teaching approach inspires critical engagement, innovation and research to generate knowledge that benefits humanity.

OUR FUTURE

Cornerstone Institute will continue to work diligently to link education to the world of work and development. New programmes are being pursued in the following fields:

1. Sustainable Development
2. Health Sciences
3. Science and Technology
4. Arts and Culture
5. Political Science
6. Law

OUR PROGRAMMES

Our programmes are driven through two faculties;

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Entrepreneurship and Economic Transformation

All our undergraduate students are required to complete a foundational set of courses referred to as the 'Cornerstone Core Modules'.

These foundational modules are designed to facilitate integrated learning across the disciplines and speak to our vision and mission. The modules are:

- Communication
- SA History and Society
- Economics
- Leadership
- Worldviews/Philosophy
- Ethics

Postgraduate programmes

- BA Honours in Psychology (Academic)
- BA Honours in Psychology (BPsych Equivalent)
- BA Honours in Community Development
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Foundation Phase Teaching
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching

Undergraduate programmes

- Bachelor of Arts majoring in:
 - Psychology
 - Sociology/Community Development
 - Media Studies
 - Theology
- Bachelor of Theology in Community Leadership majoring in:
 - Christian Ministries
 - Psychology
 - Community Development
 - Media Studies
 - Business Studies
- Bachelor of Commerce majoring in:
 - Industrial Psychology
 - Marketing Management
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Economics
- Higher Certificates:
 - Business Studies / Leadership
 - Community Counselling
 - Christian Ministry
 - Community Development

ACCREDITATION

Cornerstone Institute (RF) NPC is registered as a private higher education institution with the Department of Higher Education and Training under the Higher Education Act, 1997, Registration Certificate No 2001/HE08/006.

All our programmes are accredited by the Council on Higher Education and appear on the SAQA National Qualifications Framework.

MODE OF DELIVERY

- 74% online students
- 26% on campus students

DIVERSITY

- 78% Female
- 22% Male
- 18 to 75 years average age of 31 years
- 95% South African
- 5% International

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2019)

Group	Students	%
Asian/Indian	34	4
Black	186	21
Coloured	220	24
White	462	51
Total	902	

41 international students from Angola, Bahrain, DRC, Germany, Hungary, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Netherlands, Pakistan, Rwanda, Swaziland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

QUALIFICATIONS

631 awarded in the last 13 years:

Honours	206
PGCE	97
Bachelor Degrees	338
Higher Certificates	127

ENROLMENT

Year	Students	%
2012	286	
2013	300	+5.0
2014	479	+59.9
2015	459	-4.0
2016	444	-3.0
2017	458	+3.0
2018	539	+18.0
2019	902	+60.0

- 66% Postgraduate Students
- 34% Undergraduate Students

FINANCIAL AID

10% of our full-time students receive an average of 25% financial aid towards their annual tuition fee.

ALUMNI

Our graduates are employed in good jobs, many earning attractive salaries in their respective specialised fields. Many of our graduates can be found:

- Furthering studies at honours, masters and PhD level
- Counselling within community-based organisations
- Teaching in schools
- Early Childhood Development educators
- Pastoring in churches