

## 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 galvanised 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. Science, Data and Technology
3. Arts and Culture
4. Political Science and Law
5. Artificial Intelligence

## 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 'General Education Modules'.

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

- Group Studies and Communication
- South and African History
- Economics
- Change Leadership
- Worldviews of the South
- Ethics and Global Citizenship
- Conflict Resolution
- Entrepreneurship

### 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:

- o Psychology
- o Sociology/Community Development
- o Media Studies
- o Theology
- o Alternative Education

Bachelor of Theology in Community Leadership majoring in:

- o Christian Ministries
- o Psychology
- o Community Development
- o Media Studies
- o Business Studies

Bachelor of Commerce majoring in:

- o Business Studies
- o Economics
- o Industrial Psychology
- o Marketing
- o Entrepreneurship
- o Software Development

Higher Certificates:

- o Business Studies / Leadership
- o Community Counselling
- o Christian Ministry
- o 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

- 81% online students
- 19% on campus students

## DIVERSITY

- 76% Female
- 21% Male
- 3% Other
- 18 to 75 years average age of 31 years
- 98% South African
- 2% International
- 73% Postgraduate Students
- 27% Undergraduate Students

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2020)

Group	Students	%
Asian/Indian	53	4
Black	305	21
Coloured	302	21
White	737	50
Other	56	4

35 international students from Bahrain, Botswana, DRC, Germany, Hungary, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, Swaziland, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

## QUALIFICATIONS

939 awarded in the last 14 years:

Honours	246
PGCE	187
Bachelor Degrees	371
Higher Certificates	135

## 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
2020	1453	+61.1

## FINANCIAL AID

7% of our full-time students receive an average of 30% financial aid towards their annual tuition fee.

## ALUMNI

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

- Furthering studies at honours, masters and PhD level
- Providing counselling and support services in community-based organisations
- Teaching Basic/Tertiary Education
- Running their own businesses
- Pastoring in churches
- Providing leadership and management in various organisations