Cornerstone
Learn to change the world

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 postgraduate 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

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. Education
2. Psychology
3. Community Development

OUR PROGRAMMES

Our programmes are driven through five departments:

- Department of Psychology
- Department of Business Studies
- Department of Sociology
- Department of Theology
- School of Education

General Education

All our undergraduate students are required to complete a foundational set of courses including:

- Academic Development, and
- Group Studies and Communication, or
- Worldviews of the South, or
- Ethics and Global Citizenship, or
- Navigating Change and Conflict.

Postgraduate programmes

- BA Honours in Psychology
- BA Honours in Community Development

Undergraduate programmes

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Foundation Phase Teaching
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Senior and FET Phase Teaching
- Bachelor of Arts majoring in:
  - Psychology
  - Sociology/Community Development
  - Theology
  - Alternative Education
- Bachelor of Theology in Community Leadership
- Bachelor of Commerce majoring in:
  - Economics
  - Human Capital Management
  - Marketing
  - Operations
- Higher Certificates:
  - Business Studies
  - 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 for Higher Education, registered with the DHET, and appear on the SAQA National Qualifications Framework.

MODE OF DELIVERY

- 96% online students
- 4% on campus students

DIVERSITY

- 82% Female
- 18% Male
- 0.15% Other
- Students in all age categories from the 18 to 46+ years age categories, with the largest number concentrated in the 25-31-year category.
- 89% South African
- 11% International
- 8% Honours Students
- 66% PGCE Students
- 18% Bachelor Students
- 7% Higher Certificate Students

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2025)

Group	Students	%
Asian/Indian	84	5
Black	713	40
Coloured	355	19
White	612	34
Other	58	3

27 international students from across the African continent, Germany, Fiji and the USA.

QUALIFICATIONS

3162 awarded in the last 17 years:

Honours	587
PGCE	1806
Bachelor Degrees	564
Higher Certificates	2055

ENROLMENT

Year	Students	%
2012	286	
2013	300	+4.7
2014	479	+37.3
2015	459	-4.4
2016	444	-3.4
2017	458	+3.0
2018	539	+17.7
2019	902	+40.2
2020	1453	+37.9
2021	2013	+27.8
2022	2141	+6.4
2023	2056	-4.1
2024	1544	-24.9
2025	1704	+9.4
2026	1802	+5.8

FINANCIAL AID

0,7% of our full-time students receive 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 schools and community-based organisations
- Teaching Basic/Tertiary Education
- Teaching internationally
- Running their own businesses/practices
- Pastoring in churches
- Providing leadership and management in various organisations

Cornerstone Institute invites you to join us *Learn to Change the World* **together!**