

NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

General Information & Admission Requirements

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Welcome

Your decision to consider a university education and indeed, enrolling at Nelson Mandela University, may well be one of the most significant decisions of your career.

As you will see from this guide, Nelson Mandela University offers you an ideal environment and facilities, excellent teaching opportunities, a wide spectrum of beyond-the-classroom activities and a solid values-driven base on which and in which to pursue your future dreams.

We take particular pride in bearing the iconic name of Nelson Mandela, the late legendary statesman who transformed this country through his unwavering commitment for a more just, healthy and equal society. It is a quest that our new generation university is determined to continue.

While we have the widest range of academic and professional programmes – from diploma-level through to doctorates – in the Eastern Cape, and offer all the modern facilities for a conducive learning environment, we also have a deep moral responsibility to live the legacy of Nelson Mandela.

Tata Madiba recognised the importance of education as a force for good, and so we commit to being a destination of choice for those who are:

- Prospective pioneering change agents for a better world;
- Committed to creating jobs in an entrepreneurial economy;
- Instilled with a deep need to serve and give back.

We wish to honour Nelson Mandela – especially in the centenary year of his birth - by leading our university into a new era of transformation innovation, development and change.

We invite you to be part of this exciting journey as a future Mandela student in growing your knowledge and understanding and in seeking solutions with the potential to radically improve the quality of human life and contribute towards a sustainable planet.

We soon hope to welcome you as part of the Nelson Mandela University family.

Prof Sibongile Muthwa
Vice-Chancellor



About Nelson Mandela University

Nelson Mandela University is the only university in the world that carries the name of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The University embraces Nelson Mandela's challenge to be "caring, responsible and innovative", and recognises the importance of continuously growing and adapting in the pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning. We are committed to providing a welcoming and inspiring environment that is supportive, innovative, diverse and safe. Our students need to feel they are in a place of learning and discovery, founded on strong, egalitarian values that encourage them to express themselves, stretch themselves, and seek new solutions for a better world.

The University embraces Nelson Mandela's challenge to be "caring, responsible and innovative", and recognises the importance of continuously growing and adapting in the pursuit of knowledge, emancipation and lifelong learning.

The university boasts more than a century of experience in quality higher education, research and technological innovation. We unite the best traditions of both the academic and technological worlds – from entrance level (certificate) through to research level (PhD).

- We are the largest higher education institution in the Eastern and Southern Cape;
- Over 28 650 students are enrolled on seven different campuses – six in Nelson Mandela Bay (Port Elizabeth), and one in George;
- Programmes are housed within seven faculties (Arts; Business & Economic Sciences; Education; Engineering, the Built Environment & Information Technology; Health Sciences; Law and Science), and in some cases, programmes are duplicated on more than one campus;
- The university's George Campus is situated at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains in the picturesque coastal town of George.

With their spectacular natural surroundings – from beaches to mountains to game reserves – Nelson Mandela Bay and George are ideal places to spend your student years, offering all the advantages of city living in a vibrant and multi-cultural environment.

Student services

A wide range of student services and support facilities are offered on university campuses to assist you in every aspect of student life – from what to study, to finding suitable employment after graduation. The university offers a variety of social and cultural activities, which means you can have fun while you study. There is an extensive range of sport codes, associations, societies, clubs and facilities, allowing you to make new friends, interact with your fellow students and explore subjects of mutual interest.

Below are some of the various services offered to our students:

- **Library and Information Services**

Nelson Mandela University has a network of well-stocked libraries, computer laboratories, and student learning centres which enable students to obtain quality information resources and

services required to excel in their various academic courses. These centres are located on all campuses, and also offer students with a quiet space for studying.

- **Campus Health Service**

Students have access to a comprehensive primary health care service on every campus, and qualified medical personnel to assist with any health matters which may arise. All services are rendered by registered health care professionals eg. professional nurses, medical doctors and registered counsellors.

- **Student Counselling, Career & Development Centre (SCCDC)**

The Student Counselling, Career & Development Centre (SCCDC) helps students with career choices, job-seeking skills, and any social, personal or academic problems they may have. The centre offers advice in areas such as time management, study methods, personal, social and emotional wellness, as well as career planning and employment assistance.

- **Student Development & Governance (SDG)**

This department contributes towards the holistic development of students. The core functions of this department are the training and development of student leadership, the coordination of student life & events, and supporting student governance structures such as the Student Representative Council (SRC), the Student Housing Council; faculty representatives, the Sports Council, Oppidani and Rag. They also provide students with advice on the various student societies which they could join.

- **Arts, Culture & Heritage Unit**

The Department of Arts and Culture focuses on the holistic development of students by creating opportunities for their participation in the arts. Arts and Culture provides an environment in which students are able to exercise and develop their need for cultural and artistic expression. You are provided with the opportunity to express your talents by joining a wide range of interactive, cultural and active societies. These societies are diverse and vary from performing arts, dancing, music, drama and choirs.

- **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

The SRC is elected annually in a democratic election to represent the interest of students. The SRC is the only body which the university officially recognises as speaking on behalf of the students.

- **Oppidani (day students)**

Students who do not live in a campus residence are known as Oppidani students. All non-residential Nelson Mandela University students are automatically members of the Oppidani House and are known as Oppies. Although Oppies live off campus, participation in non-academic life is encouraged. The Oppidani House Committee is the body of elected student leaders who are your link with the university and campus life.

- **Societies**

Students can become a member of numerous student-run societies enabling them to have fun with like minded students while gaining valuable leadership, communication and social skills. There are presently 76 societies active on our various campuses, and these societies are categorised as either academic, religious, developmental, social responsibility or political.

Madibaz Sport

Madibaz sport offers a wide variety of competitive and recreational sport programmes for students and staff, as well as the wider university community. These programmes provide students with the opportunity to participate in various sport and recreational activities ranging from informal social games, to highly competitive leagues where skills are tested against the best in the province and country. In addition, through the various high performance programmes coordinated by the Madibaz High Performance Complex, the university plays a major role in the process of developing elite and potentially elite players.

Madibaz sport also provides club members with excellent sport facilities, scientific based coaching programmes, which includes organisational and administrative support. Well-equipped health and

fitness centres offer professional gym facilities at student prices, and provide assistance with sport performance testing, sport specific training and injury rehabilitation.

The following sport codes are offered on the various university campuses:

Athletics* • Athlons (Tri; Bi; Du- and Biathle) • Basketball • Chess • Cricket* • Cycling • Golf • Hockey* • Judo • Karate • Mountain Biking** • Netball* • Rugby* • Rowing • Rock Climbing** • Soccer* • Squash* • Surfing • Swimming • Table Tennis • Tennis* • Underwater-hockey • Volleyball • Water polo.

*** Also offered on George Campus **Only offered on George Campus**

Welcome Madibaz

All teams have nicknames, or names by which they are popularly known. Nelson Mandela University has one too. Those who work, study and play sport at Nelson Mandela University proudly refer to themselves as Madibaz. In addition to our name, the university also boasts a dolphin mascot, named Diba.



Admission to Nelson Mandela University

Overview

- Applications for early admission should be submitted before the **August** closing date. Late applications will however be considered after this date, based on academic merit, until the **September** closing date. Places are limited and it is therefore in your best interest to submit your application early.
- Prospective students must meet the statutory minimum requirements based on the **National Senior Certificate (NSC)**, or equivalent school-leaving certificate for admission to a higher certificate, diploma or degree qualification, in order to be considered.
- Admission to an undergraduate programme will be further determined by an applicant's **Applicant Score (AS)** and subject requirements.
- Submission of a completed application form does not mean that you have been accepted as a student, or that you may register. All prospective students are selected in accordance with the admissions policy of the university, and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the admissions office.
- Provisional admission is based on your **Applicant Score (AS)** obtained in your Grade 11 final, or Grade 12 June or Grade 12 September examinations, and meeting the direct subject requirements. However, the final decision is based on your final Grade 12 NSC/IEB exam results.
- Once you've submitted your form, certain qualifications may require you to submit a portfolio of evidence, or attend an interview. Your admission decision will then only be made once one, or all of these additional requirements have been completed.
- In addition to the general university admission requirements, each programme also has its own specific requirements.
- Applicants with international or foreign qualifications must satisfy the requirements laid down by the Matriculation Board to qualify for a certificate of exemption for a particular international or foreign school leaving qualification.
- In the case of applications by candidates who have studied at other higher education institutions accredited by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), the results obtained at such institutions will be considered, together with their academic record and certificate of conduct.
- There are limits to the number of students that can be admitted to each programme.
- **If a programme is full, you may be denied admission even though you meet the minimum requirements.**
- Prospective students who **matriculated prior to 2008** must please contact the university's Admission Office to determine their admission requirements.
- For more information on the application process please contact **041 504 1111**, or visit our website (myfuture.mandela.ac.za) before applying.
- **Please note that admission requirements are subject to change.** Information in this programme guide was correct as at **May 2019**.



Admission Requirements

National Senior Certificate (NSC)

- The table below explains what the minimum statutory requirements for each qualification level are (Higher Certificate, Diploma or Degree).
- The university has also set its own additional minimum entry requirements.

Qualification	Minimum statutory entry requirement
Higher Certificate	Pass the NSC, with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, together with any other university requirements.
Diploma	Pass the NSC with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, coupled with an achievement rating of 3 (40–49%) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects, together with any other university requirements.
Bachelor's Degree	Pass the NSC with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution, coupled with an achievement rating of 4 (50–59%) or better in four NSC 20-credit subjects together with any other university requirements.

Please note that the achievement of the minimum NSC admission requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to any programme or field of study at Nelson Mandela University.

How to calculate your Applicant Score (AS)

- First look-up the **Applicant Score (AS)** for the qualification you are applying for – also note any required subjects.
- Your Applicant Score (AS) will be different if you took Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics at school.
- Your Applicant Score (AS) is calculated using **six** subjects. Please note that Life Orientation (LO) is excluded.
- Write down your Grade 12 subjects and the most recent percentage (%) obtained in each subject (**NO** Gr 12 March results).
- You **MUST** include the results for the following **three fundamental subjects: 1)** Home language; **2)** 1st Add. Language; and **3)** Maths; **or** Maths Lit; **or** Technical Maths.
- For applicants with seven Grade 12 NSC/IEB subjects, their AS is calculated by adding the percentages for their six 20-credit subjects (**Note** that the Life Orientation percentage is not included as it is a 10-credit subject). This gives a score out of 600.
- For those applicants taking eight or more subjects, their AS is calculated as follows: add the percentages obtained for the three fundamental subjects (the two languages and Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy), plus the percentage(s) for any subject(s) required by the programme, together with the percentage(s) for the next best / highest subject(s), to a maximum of six subjects.
- In addition, for those applicants from quintile 1 to 3 schools who attain 50% or higher for Life Orientation, 7 additional points are added to their score out of 600 to arrive at their final AS.

- Compare your AS & subject results to the minimum needed for the qualification you want to apply for.
- If your Applicant Score (AS) & subject results are below the minimum required, you will need to consider another qualification for which you do qualify.

** All South African **public** ordinary schools are categorised into five groups, called quintiles. Quintile 1 to 3 are non-fee paying schools, while Quintile 4 & 5 are fee paying schools.*

The table below provides an example of how to calculate the AS for:

- Applicant 1** who has 7 NSC Grade 12 subjects, who is applying for a programme with Life Science and Physical Science as required subjects; and
- Applicant 2** who is applying for the same programme, but who took 8 subjects in Grade 12.
- Applicant 3** who is applying for the same programme, but who is from a quintile 1, 2 or 3 school.

NSC Subject	Applicant 1		Applicant 2		Applicant 3 from quintile 1 to 3 school	
	% obtained	% used to calculate AS	% obtained	% used to calculate AS	% obtained	% used to calculate AS
isiXhosa (Home Language)	78	78	78	78	78	78
English (1st Additional Language)	60	60	60	60	60	60
Mathematics	65	65	65	65	65	65
Life Science	62	62	62	62	62	62
Physical Science	50	50	50	50	50	50
History	–	–	60	60	–	–
Geography	55	55	55	–	55	55
Life Orientation	88	–	88	–	88 LO>50%	7
APPLICANT SCORE (AS)		370		375		377

How do you apply?

- Applicants can apply online by logging on to www.mandela.ac.za/application
- Ensure that you meet the minimum **Applicant Score (AS)** and **subject requirements** before submitting your completed application form and supporting documentation.
- Please note that certain qualifications have additional selection processes, for example a portfolio of evidence, interview or fitness/medical tests.
- **No application fee** is required for South African citizens, but there is an application fee for International Students.
- **Remember** to **include your cell number on your form**, as we will be sending you your application status and other important information via this number (Please do not include +27 or any spacing when you enter your cell number);
- Applications for early admissions should be submitted by **1 August 2019**.
- Late applications will still be considered up to **30 September 2019**, but as space is limited we advise applicants to submit/complete their application form before the August closing date.

Online applications

- To apply online, you will need a valid **personal email address** and your **own cell number**.
- Online application(s) are **divided into two parts** (please ensure you complete both sections);
- Gr 12 learner(s) or gap year applicants need to complete the **"Undergraduate"** section;
- **Part 1** (basic background information) – complete all sections indicated and click apply at the bottom of the page. This does not mean that your application is complete, or that you will be considered for admission yet.
- You will be sent an e-mail by us with a link to **part 2**, as well as your **student number and pin**;
- Click on the link and type in your student number and pin to proceed to **part 2**;
- Ensure that all sections are "green" and that there are no sections highlighted in "red" or "yellow";
- Include **all supporting documentation** with your online application in part 2 as a PDF or JPEG formatted attachment;
- At the bottom of the page you will need to click **final submit** to send us your application.
- No changes can be made after you have submitted your application form.
- Should you require support in completing your online application, you may contact our Contact Centre on **041-504 1111** for assistance, or e-mail: onlineappdocs@mandela.ac.za

Important documentation

In order for the university to finalise your application you are requested to submit the following support documentation with your application:

- A certified copy of your **identity document** (ID document compulsory for SA Citizens – your application cannot be processed without a certified copy of your ID. You may also provide your ID number or serial number that appears on your birth certificate should you still be waiting for your ID Document to be issued).
- A certified copy of **your latest school results** (grade 11 final, or grade 12 June/September results, or final school leaving results if you have already completed Gr 12 (e.g. if you are currently at school and apply in August submit your June results). **No grade 12 March results**.
- **Declaration by your parent / legal guardian / surety form** (downloaded from university website if you apply online),

- A certified **copy** of your **parent / legal guardian / surety's identity document**;
- Completed **disability assessments form** (if applicable).
- **Copy** of your current **residential / home or postal address**;
- **NB:** Please note that your **student number/identity number** must clearly be indicated on all documentation submitted. Your application form cannot be processed if you do not include all supporting documentation with your application

Extended Curriculum Programmes

The transition from school to university is challenging for most young people. It is, however, even more dramatic for learners who for various reasons, find that they do not meet the minimum admission requirements of the programme of their choice. Nelson Mandela University offers a wide range of extended curriculum programmes that provide such students with the opportunity to enroll for an extended programme in order to obtain the same mainstream qualification at the end of their study career (e.g. a BCom degree). In practice, it implies that a student will complete a three-year degree or diploma programme in four years. These programmes provide an environment in which academic support and skills development are integrated with regular academic work. Additional support courses and activities in the first two years of the extended programme assist students to adapt to the university's learning environment in order to follow the mainstream courses during the last two years of study.



Language of Teaching and Learning

While Nelson Mandela University is committed to multilingualism, the predominant language of teaching and learning at the University is English. The statutory language requirements can be met by obtaining a minimum rating of 3 (40 - 49%) or higher in English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa as a home or first additional language. Some qualifications may require a higher pass mark for language(s) than what is indicated here. Please refer to the subject requirements of the qualification you wish to apply, before completing your application form to ensure that you meet the admission & subject requirements.

Financial facts

- Before registering as a student, you need to determine whether or not you will have sufficient funds to finance your studies. Costs involved in higher education include enrolment fees, registration and tuition fees, books and stationery, transport, meals, accommodation, sports equipment and general living expenses.
- Nelson Mandela University offers financial assistance to full-time students in the form of bursaries, merit awards, scholarships and study loans for top academic achievers.
- A number of sport grants are also available for top sports performers and those who show outstanding potential.
- The university also provides financial assistance in collaboration with the **National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)** for financially-needy students.
- Admission to the university does not imply that you will get a loan, scholarship or bursary.
- Applications for NSFAS funding must be made directly on the NSFAS website, or an application form can be obtained from the NYDA offices, and sent directly to the NSFAS office in Cape Town. The closing date for NSFAS funding is advertised on their website. Further information can be obtained from the NSFAS website – www.nsfas.org.za - or by calling 086 006 7327.
- **Fundi** is a private finance company that exclusively focuses on educational finance, assisting people who are not able to pay for their own, or the studies of their dependants, and who do not qualify for the traditional financing through the formal banking sector or government aid schemes. Fundi loans are available for study fees and books, and provide simple repayment options at an affordable interest rate to loan applicants.
- For more information on financial assistance, contact the **Financial Aid Office** on (041) 504 3182/1111, web: www.mandela.ac.za/finaid or e-mail: financialaid@mandela.ac.za.

Scholar Merit Awards

Scholar Merit Awards are awarded to new first-year undergraduate students who have achieved excellent academic results in their final grade 12 NSC/IEB examinations. The rand value of this award is determined on a sliding scale between a predetermined minimum and maximum value, and is automatically awarded to first-year students who qualify by the Financial Aid Office. For more information contact the **Financial Aid Office on 041 504 3182/1111** or e-mail: financialaid@mandela.ac.za

Disclaimer: "The university reserves the right to amend the Policy with regards to the bursary, and may in its sole discretion; decide to implement such amendments retrospectively".

Leadership awards

- Leadership Awards are granted to head prefects (Head Boy/Head Girl), and Learner Representative Council Presidents (in cases of no Head Prefects).



- Documentary proof of your Grade 12 results, including a letter from your school verifying your leadership role must be submitted to the Financial Aid office on North Campus as soon as possible. The last day for submission of these documents is 31 March annually.

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Student merit bursaries

Returning undergraduate students can automatically qualify for merit bursaries based on their final results in the previous year of study. All students who have passed all their modules at the first attempt and have attained a weighted average mark of 70% (subject to change) or higher, and have been registered for a minimum relative course weight of at least .800 (or 96 credits), receive a student merit bursary, the rand value of which is determined on a sliding scale. This award is only made to SA citizens.

NB: Exempted courses are not included in the minimum relative weight or credit value for merit award purposes. The value of the bursary is not a fixed amount and is determined in accordance with the available budget. These awards are only for undergraduate studies. Students intending to register for Postgraduate Diplomas or honours studies must apply for those bursaries on the prescribed form before 1 November of the year preceding postgraduate studies.

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Sport bursaries

Madibaz Sport offers sport bursaries of varying amounts to sport performers who have demonstrated the ability to play sport at a high level of competition. Bursary application forms can be obtained from Madibaz Sport by e-mail: sport@mandela.ac.za or by calling (041) 504 2165.

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Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships

The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship aims to recruit top performing learners from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, to register for a Nelson Mandela University degree or diploma qualification from their first-year, and retain and develop them while they complete their studies. The scholarship is renewable for each year of a first undergraduate degree or diploma qualification, provided recipients academic performance remains of the highest standard. Up to 25 Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships may be awarded each year. Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship students will also have access to other benefits and opportunities that will enhance their academic experience and leadership development. For more information, contact the **Communication and Stakeholder Liaison** division on 041 504 3084 or e-mail: vcs@mandela.ac.za

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Accommodation

On-campus

The university provides various affordable, comfortable on-campus accommodation options. These include the residences on the university’s Summerstrand and George campuses, and the Student Villages in Summerstrand, which consist of self-catering units for senior students.





As accommodation is limited, early application is essential. Prospective students should note that being offered a place in an academic programme does not mean they have also been accepted into a residence on-campus. The closing date for on-campus residence applications is: **30 September 2019**. No late applications will be considered. For more information contact: (041) 504 3690/1415 • resadmissions@mandela.ac.za • www.mandela.ac.za/studenthousing

Off-campus

Some students prefer living off-campus. Off-campus accommodation options include renting flats and houses or boarding at nearby private residences. The university offers a service to assist students in finding suitable off-campus accommodation. For more information on off-campus accommodation please contact (041) 504 4735/6 or e-mail: offcampus.accomodation@mandela.ac.za

Applying for residence accommodation

- Apply online (<http://studenthousing.mandela.ac.za/Apply-for-admission>);
- Please note that indicating that you require accommodation does not guarantee placement in any of the university's on-campus accommodation options;
- A selection process has to take place and priority will be given to applicants who have obtained excellent academic results;
- No student will be admitted to residence until she/he has been academically admitted to a university programme, or before the appropriate fees have been paid;
- Also note that residence accommodation is limited and preference will be given to applications received before the end of September;
- Please submit a residence accommodation form together with proof of your current residential/home or postal address via e-mail (resadmissions@mandela.ac.za), fax (041- 504 9765) or post (Residence Accommodation, PO Box 77000, Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, 6031).

International students

The Office for International Education provides information and assistance to prospective and current international students. Information on study programmes, fees, accommodation and study permit requirements can be obtained from this office. Please contact them on +27 (0)41 504 2161 or e-mail: international@mandela.ac.za or visit their website (www.mandela.ac.za/international).

The closing date for applications by international students is 31 October 2019.

Universal Accessibility & Disability Services (UADS)

Nelson Mandela University would like to ensure that differently abled students enjoy a successful student experience, thus we strive to ensure that academic concessions, reasonable adjustments for general accessibility, test and examinations and other academic concessions, are made to meet your needs. Services currently available include assistive technologies, dedicated computer spaces equipped with assistive technologies, braille transcription support, adapted transport for those with mobility difficulties, and volunteer buddies amongst other.

As every case needs to be individually assessed, please register your special needs with the university's **Universal Accessibility & Disability Services (UADS)** as soon as possible, preferably the year prior to application and registration. At your first appointment, you will need to provide valid medical documentation and/or assessment reports from appropriate health professionals. The goal of the consultations between students and the **UADS** is to identify the impact of a disability or condition on the students' academic performance and to maximise opportunities for independent participation.

What can we offer you?

- Support consultation sessions to determine all support required during your academic journey;
- Assessment sessions for the verification of reasonable accommodations/concessions needed.
- Referrals to Student Counselling & Career Development Centre for further consultations, when necessary.
- Orientation and information sessions on various services, support, and technologies available;
- Facilitation of support services, such as assistive technology, braille support, orientation and mobility training, access to facilities, academic support concessions, adapted transport, and identifying appropriate student housing spaces according to the disability.

Bursaries for students with disabilities are available, via an online application process, through NSFAS (www.nsfas.org.za). Please contact the **Universal Accessibility & Disability Services (UADS)** on 041 504 2313/ 4756 or E-mail: disability@mandela.ac.za for further information.



Faculty of Health Sciences

Schools of Behavioural and Lifestyle Sciences

Department of Environmental Health
Department of Psychology
Department of Social Development Professions
Department of Human Movement Science
Department of Dietetics

Schools of Clinical Care and Medicinal Sciences

Department of Nursing Sciences
Department of Radiography
Department of Emergency Medical Care
Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences
Department of Pharmacy

Admissions offices

Port Elizabeth Campuses: 041 504 1111

info@mandela.ac.za
health.mandela.ac.za

Prospective students are advised to contact the admissions office prior to applying or refer to the faculty website and the prospectus for more information regarding any qualifications offered within the Faculty of Health Sciences.



SCHOOL OF BEHAVIOURAL AND LIFESTYLE SCIENCES

Department of Environmental Health

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Environmental Health							
Bachelor of Environmental Health	Environmental Health Practitioners (EHPs) apply their skills to identify, assess and manage various risks to human health. They are able to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of control measures in order to make necessary improvements. In addition they will be able to apply research skills and interpret and apply legislation, regulations and policies related to environmental health and to advise/ educate role players on specific issues within their scope of practice.	Full-time 4 years	390	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 50%, • Life Sciences – 50%, • Physical Sciences – 50%, • Admission is subject to departmental selection. 	The Environmental Health Practitioner will function as a member of a multidisciplinary team of professionals. Graduates can be employed not only in the public sector as EHPs (in the national, provincial and local government departments), but also in the private sector as SHEQ and HACCP specialists (e.g. in the motor manufacturing, food and beverage, and engineering and construction industries).
Department of Psychology							
BAPsych (Psychology)	<p>This programme provides training for students who want to develop psychological knowledge and skills for use in people-oriented careers in helping settings as well as in business settings. It also provides the foundation from which a professional qualification in either clinical/counselling psychology or industrial & organisational psychology can be built.</p> <p>The core modules cover the following broad areas: health psychology, gender and social psychology, traumatology, crosscultural psychology, forensic and neuropsychology, psychopathology, psychological; assessment and intervention, career psychology, human resource management, organisational behavior and consumer behavior.</p>	Full-time 3 years	350	350	365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 45%, or Mathematical Literacy – 65%. 	Articulation into postgraduate and professional training in both clinical/ counselling psychology, industrial and organisational psychology. Opportunities in the field of people related careers, NGO sectors, childcare and lay counselling, human resource management as well as organisational development.

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
BPsych: Counselling (Registered Counsellor)	<p>This programme provides professional training in psychology and leads to registration as a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).</p> <p>The skills acquired in this versatile programme may be applied in the following types of settings: health and wellness facilitation, family and marital relations, career development (guidance), educational assessment and intervention, industrial and organisational contexts.</p> <p>BPsych candidates will build on the foundation laid in their first two years of training. In the third and fourth year, theoretical and applied training will be complemented by a compulsory six-month practical internship where students will have to show proficiency in working within their chosen settings.</p> <p>Take Note: Holders of this degree qualify for registration as registered counsellors with the Professional Board for Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa provided that they pass an examination set by the Professional Board for Psychology.</p>	Full-time 4 years + internship of no less than 6 months	–	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must first be admitted to the BA (Psych) programme and complete 90% of the credits prescribed for the first two years of study before they can be considered for admission to the BPsych (Counselling). <p>All candidates shall be subject to selection to be admitted to the third year of study. Academic progress (60% and above) and personality characteristics are considered. Those who are not selected will be able to continue with the BA (Psych) programme, and may qualify for selection after at least one further year of study for this degree.</p>	Registered counsellor in private practice, or working for government, community or non-governmental organisations, schools, academia, or in business and industry.

1. Applicant Score (AS) for Mathematics: Overall score calculated for applicants who have taken Mathematics;
2. Applicant Score (AS) for Technical Mathematics: Overall score calculated for applicants who have taken Technical Mathematics;
3. Applicant Score (AS) for Mathematical Literacy: Overall score calculated for applicants who have taken Mathematical Literacy.

Department of Social Development Professions

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Arts (BA)							
BA (Youth Work)	<p>This degree is designed for school leavers as well as for adult learners who are already involved in youth work but do not have formal qualifications. The programme provides a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills, based on research into the challenges and learning needs of those working with the youth.</p> <p>Please note: This course will only be offered if a minimum of 10 prospective applicants are admitted to the programme. Please consult the admissions office before applying.</p>	Full-time 3 years	350	350	365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 40%, or Mathematical Literacy – 65%. • Admission is subject to departmental selection. 	Employment as a youth worker can be found with organisations such as the Red Cross, government departments, and non-governmental organisations, including welfare organisations, churches, community-based organisations, youth clubs and community centres.
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)							
BSW (Social Work)	<p>Social work plays an important role in society, with the social worker helping people to overcome obstacles, ranging from family counselling, criminal offences, drug abuse, abuse or physical/mental disabilities.</p> <p>A social worker should be able to handle stress and act compassionately when dealing with others. This programme is made up of compulsory fundamental and core modules, as well as a choice of elective modules which can be selected according to the student's interests.</p> <p>Practical work is an integral part of the degree from second year level. Graduates qualify for registration as social workers with the Council for Social Service Professions.</p>	Full-time 4 years	350	350	365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 40%, or Mathematical Literacy – 65%. • Admission is subject to departmental selection. <p>Candidates must register as student social workers before commencing any of the practical or applied modules at community based organisations.</p>	There are employment opportunities for social workers in family and child welfare organisations, government departments such as health and welfare, prisons, hospitals, industry, the police and defence force, and organisations that work with issues such as mental health, disabilities and illnesses.

Department of Dietetics

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Science (BSc)							
BSc (Dietetics)	<p>With nutrition acknowledged as a key to the future of modern medicine, dietetics is one of the world's fastest-growing professions.</p> <p>The BSc (Dietetics) degree at Nelson Mandela University trains competent and ethical dietetics professionals who will contribute to the medical therapeutic, community nutrition and specialised food services sectors. Graduates are required to register with the Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPCSA) before they can practice as a Dietitian.</p>	Full-time 4 years	390	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 60%, • Physical Sciences – 60%. 	<p>Dietitians have become increasingly important in both the private and public sectors.</p> <p>They work in various settings:</p> <p>Private practice and therapeutic settings They consult clients / patients on nutrition therapy and / or work in a hospital as part of a health care team. They can also have private practices with attention to sport, babies and/or senior citizens.</p> <p>Industry They share their expertise by working in the field of health care, food or pharmaceutical industries.</p> <p>Community They work in community health facilities providing nutrition therapy for specific health conditions; promote healthy eating and monitor and manage food services in institutions e.g. schools and homes for the aged.</p> <p>Food service management They manage the provision of healthy and specialised diets in health care facilities, correctional services, welfare care facilities and schools.</p>

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Department of Human Movement Science

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Diploma (Dip)							
Dip (Sport Management)	<p>This programme equips students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills which are essential for a successful career in sport management.</p> <p>The programme also provides the opportunity for the students to fully realise their potential in the one sport in which they chose to specialise. Students are required to belong to a club of their specialist sport, approved by the Human Movement Science department, and to involve themselves in the administration of the club .</p> <p>Apart from the academic programme, students are expected to attend special courses and excursions and involve themselves in projects that are arranged for their benefit. These activities are not necessarily accommodated in the academic fee structure.</p>	Full-time 3 years	330	330	345	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum NSC statutory requirements for diploma entry must be met. Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 40%, or Mathematical Literacy – 60%. Active participation in competitive sport as approved by the department. Preference will be given to students who have excelled in sport and/or who have extensive involvement in sport. 	<p>The sport manager is involved in the management of sport and recreation facilities, events and services, to people who participate in sport and recreation for either leisure time or professional reasons.</p> <p>Career opportunities available include sport administrator, sport marketer, sport agent, sport manager, sport development officer, sport commentator, sport entrepreneur.</p>
Bachelor of Human Movement Science (BHMS)							
BHMS (Human Movement Science)	<p>This programme allows students to specialise in one of four different areas of human movement science, and to complement this with additional subjects such as business management, psychology or physiology, to suit their career plans.</p> <p>The four specialisation areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise science Recreation Sport management Coaching science 	Full-time 3 years	350	350	365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 45%, or Mathematical Literacy – 65%. Candidates must pass a medical examination as required by the Department of Human Movement Science. 	<p>Career opportunities include teaching, school and professional sport coaching, exercise and fitness instruction, sport management and recreation. National, provincial and local government as well as institutions such as universities and police services employ sport and recreation specialists and managers.</p>

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
BHMS (Human Movement Science) <i>(continued)</i>							The rapidly-growing fitness industry needs professionals such as personal trainers, instructors, and gym managers. There are also opportunities in sports marketing and promotions, sports journalism or commentating.
Bachelor of Health Science in Biokinetics							
BHSc: Biokinetics	<p>A Biokineticist is an exercise specialist who increases a person's physical condition and their quality of life by means of physical assessment and the prescription of healthy exercise habits.</p> <p>The Biokineticist is the newest member of the allied medical team who specialises in preventative medicine and final phase rehabilitation to improve the quality of life through movement.</p>	Full-time 4 years	370	370	385	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics or Technical Mathematics – 50%, or Mathematical Literacy – 65%. • Life Sciences – 50% • Satisfactory medical report 	<p>The biokineticist is involved in managing a clinical practice in the private and/or public sector. They may be employed in schools to promote health and wellness through the use of physical activity programmes.</p> <p>Other job opportunities include national, provincial and local government departments, corporate wellness as well as in the imminent National Health Insurance initiative.</p>

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SCHOOLS OF CLINICAL CARE AND MEDICINAL SCIENCES

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Department of Radiography							
Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostic (B Rad)							
Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostic (B Rad)	<p>This programme prepares students for the professional field of diagnostic radiography which entails the production of x-ray images of the human body in order to diagnose disease.</p> <p>The theoretical and practical components of the course are covered concurrently. The practical component is undertaken at an accredited training hospital. Graduates are required by law to undertake one year of community service. This is a prerequisite for registration with the HPCSA as a radiographer.</p>	Full-time 4 years	390	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 50%, • Life Sciences – 50%, • Physical Sciences – 50%. • Applicants must also be physically fit. • Applicants referred for selection must submit a satisfactory medical report, on the prescribed form, to the Admission Office. • Admission is subject to departmental selection. <p>Final selection takes place in September and the successful applicants will be notified in writing by November. A visit to an X-Ray department is a requirement for all successful applicants.</p>	Diagnostic radiographer.

Department of Emergency Medical Care

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Emergency Medical Care (BEMC)							
Bachelor of Emergency Medical Care (BEMC)	<p>This programme aims to develop eager individuals through facilitation of a strenuous learning experience, based on international best practice guidelines. Graduates will become highly skilled, knowledgeable and independent paramedics registered with the Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as an Emergency Care Practitioner – the highest register for paramedics.</p> <p>The EMC programme aims to meet the needs of South Africa, by producing well balanced practitioners with a thorough understanding of rescue principles and advanced patient care in the most diverse and adverse conditions.</p>	Full-time 4 years	370	–	385	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 50% or Mathematical Literacy – 65%, • Life Sciences – 60%, • Physical Sciences – 50%. <p>Selection of students: Admission is subject to a departmental selection that includes an interview, a satisfactory flight medical report and a satisfactory physical assessment which includes an assessment of your basic swimming capacity, fitness level, fear of heights and claustrophobia.</p>	As a paramedic you may find employment in the following areas, whether local or international: provincial or state ambulance services, a training environment such as a college or university, aeromedical services, the military, event management services, the mining industry, VIP protection, medical retail, disaster relief.

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Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science							
BHSc: Medical Laboratory Science	<p>The programme prepares students for their profession as a Medical Laboratory Scientist and aims to facilitate training in the following disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Chemistry (diagnostic biochemical analysis); • Haematology (study of blood cells and blood diseases); • Medical Microbiology (study of microorganisms); • Clinical Pathology (combination of: clinical chemistry, haematology and microbiology); • Cytology (study of normal and abnormal human cells); • Histopathology (the study of normal and abnormal human tissues); • Immunohematology (blood transfusion). <p>Students are required to complete a National Board Exam in their area of specialisation before they graduate and each student is required by law to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a student Medical Laboratory Scientist.</p>	Full-time 4 years	390	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 60%, • Life Sciences – 50%, • Physical Sciences – 50%. <p>Please note: <i>Due to limited specialised laboratory space, admission is subject to departmental selection based on academic merit, and may furthermore include an interview and/or a practical assessment. A visit to a pathology laboratory is a requirement for all successful applicants.</i></p>	<p>Medical Laboratory Scientists are highly trained professionals that may be employed in various settings that include:</p> <p>Medical diagnostic laboratories Private pathology practices, National Health Laboratory Services, blood transfusion services and forensic laboratories.</p> <p>Research institutions Graduates may become involved in private and public medical research. Medical Research Council, National Institute for Communicable Diseases and National Research Laboratory.</p> <p>Industry Quality control testing in pharmaceutical and food industries.</p>

Department of Pharmacy

Qualification	Programme Overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	Minimum Admission Requirements				Career Opportunities
			AS for Maths	AS for Technical Maths	AS for Maths Literacy	Subject Requirements	
Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)							
BPharm (Pharmacy)	<p>The programme covers four main subject areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacology and Applied Therapeutics, • Pharmaceutical Chemistry, • Pharmaceutics, and • Pharmacy Practice. <p>Research elective courses are offered in the final year of study. In order to register as a pharmacist with the South African Pharmacy Council, after obtaining the BPharm degree, students must successfully complete a one year internship and a one year compulsory community service.</p> <p>The internship year may be done in hospitals, community (retail) pharmacies, the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, or in academia if continuing with postgraduate studies.</p>	Full-time 4 years	410	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met. • Mathematics – 65%, • Physical Sciences – 65%. <p>SELECTION OF STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places are limited, and admission is subject to departmental selection. • Candidates shall be selected on merit during the year preceding the first year of study. • Admission selection will be applied through a process approved by the Faculty Management Committee. <p>For more information on this selection process, please refer to the Faculty of Health Sciences prospectus.</p>	As experts in medicines, pharmacists are responsible for the manufacture and distribution of medicines used to treat and prevent disease in people and animals. Pharmacists are employed in, and often own, community (retail) pharmacies. In hospital pharmacies, they dispense medicines and review their use, while in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry they make test and market medicinal products. Educational institutions also employ pharmacy graduates as lecturers and researchers.

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- We are committed to promoting equity of access and opportunities so as to give students the best chance of success in their pursuit of lifelong learning and diverse educational goals.
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