

# Career Information

## Bachelor of Health Sciences: Nursing Science

### Location

Indumiso Site, Midlands Campus (Pietermaritzburg)

### Description of the Programme

The academic programme extends over a period of four years of full-time study, of which the first two years provides the future professional nurse with a comprehensive foundation in basic sciences; including basic medical sciences and social sciences. Attendance at lectures, clinical health settings, including community settings and laboratories will form the basic pattern. The final year will include a foundation in conducting research in nursing with specific focus in primary health care (PHC) settings. Hence, more than 50% of clinical learning placements will take place in community and primary care settings. The last semester of the programme will focus on consolidating PHC nursing and ensuring that the graduates are able to work in PHC settings immediately after graduation.

The planned teaching and learning experiences provide a broad foundation in basic sciences (medical and social sciences) as well as in-depth and comprehensive knowledge, skills and attitudes in clinical nursing to ensure that qualifying learners have the requisite knowledge and skills to function as professional nurses. More importantly, a community and case based learning approach is chosen to facilitate the development of higher order thinking skills using authentic clinical setting case studies.

### Working Conditions

The programme, is DUT's positive contribution to the nation's efforts to double or triple the production of professional nurses in South Africa and in so doing contribute to the country's health human resources strategy. Hence, it is required that participants in this programme sign a contract to practice in South Africa for four years after graduation, inclusive of one-year of community service.

### Personal Qualities Required

Nursing involves teamwork, therefore, one needs to be able to work and co-operate with colleagues. It is necessary to have a working knowledge and understanding of the basics of Nursing as a profession.

### Career Opportunities

The four-year Bachelor of Health Science degree qualifies you as a general nurse and midwife (community, psychiatry) and opens opportunities for working as a general nurse in any clinical setting. Further career prospects are to continue post graduates studies, specialising in clinical nursing, management or academia.

### Entry Requirements

DEPARTMENTAL NSC REQUIREMENTS		DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS		
NDC Degree Entry		Exemption (Endorsement) or equivalent qualification.		
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG
English (home) <b>OR</b> English (1st additional)	3	English	E	C
Life Sciences	4	Biology	D	B
Maths <b>OR</b> Maths Literacy	4	Maths <b>OR</b> Physical Science	D	B
And two 20 credit subjects(not including a language)	4			

RATING CODE	RATING	MARKS %
7	Outstanding achievement	80-100
6	Meritorious achievement	70-79
5	Substantial achievement	60-69
4	Adequate achievement	50-59
3	Moderate achievement	40-49
2	Elementary achievement	30-39
1	Not Achieved	0 - 29

### Additional Entry Requirements:

Standardized Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP) and interview will be used to complement the NSC results to assess the applicants' potential to cope with the academic demands of the programme.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Candidates applying for recognition of prior learning will be required to provide evidence of competence by means of portfolios and/or challenge assessment as per the targeted learning outcomes.

### Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the 2018 fees have been indicated. An increase for next year to accommodate the inflation rate can be expected.

**PLEASE NOTE:** DUT cannot be held liable for the fees in this brochure as the 2018 fees are not yet final.

### First Year Curriculum

	2018 FEES
Anatomy and Physiology IA	R2 810
Anatomy and Physiology IB	R2 810
Basic Sciences I	R3 930
Community Health Nursing I	R6 290
Clinical Nursing Practice IA	R5 510
Clinical Nursing Practice IB	R2 750
Fundamental Nursing Science IA	R3 060
Fundamental Nursing Science IB	R3 060
Social Sciences I	<u>R7 100</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>R37 320</u></b>

**Closing Date for applications:** 30 September 2018

**CAO Code:** DUI NS4

### **G7 (3) Admission Requirements Based Upon Work Experience, Age and Maturity**

For admission to entry level degree studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted if such a person is in possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate or an equivalent certificate, but lacks the minimum requirements for admission to the degree provided that:

- (a) The person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least:
  - three years' appropriate work experience; and/or
  - capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed by a Senate-approved admission test; and the person has obtained
- (b) A conditional certificate of exemption from the Matriculation Board (when in possession of the Senior Certificate (SC)); OR has met
- (c) The requirements for Senate discretionary admission (when in possession of the NSC or equivalent), where Senate is satisfied the applicant has shown sufficient academic ability to ensure success, and that the person's standard of communication skills, and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the Senate, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully.
- (d) The person's application for admission in terms of Rule G7 (3) is approved prior to registration.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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