

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA: SOMATOLOGY (PDSOMI)

6.1 Programme Information

The Somatology Post Graduate Diploma programme is offered full-time over one (1) year to enable the student to gain the required competencies. Modules for the Postgraduate diploma will be distributed over two semesters.

NB: The following information from the Diploma: Somatology applies to Postgraduate Diploma students as well.

6.2 Learning Programme Structure

Code	Modules	NQF Level	HEQSF Credits	C/E	Pre-req
SMTR802	Somatic Research Project	8	8	C	-
HPST801	Holistic and Palliative Somatic Therapy	8	8	C	-
SSMT802	Somatic Sports Massage Therapy	8	8	C	-
PRST801	Permanent Remedial Somatic Therapy Procedures	8	8	C	-

*A Pre-req means this module must be passed prior to registration (pre requisite).

6.3 PROGRAMME RULES

Please see 3.3.

6.3.1 Minimum Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria:

- Persons applying for the Postgraduate Diploma must be in possession of an Advanced Diploma: Somatology or or other health related diploma or degree equivalent at NQF level 7.
- Entry into the Programme is not automatic. A total of 15 places are available to students and selection will be on the basis of academic performance as determined by a ranking system.
- Working experience will be an added advantage for those students not applying directly from the Advanced Diploma: Somatology in accordance with G7 (8) of the General Handbook applies. Students applying for the programme will be ranked according to the selection placement table below.

Post Graduate Diploma: Somatology selection criteria			
A	Academic Performance	Score	
	60 > average	(70)	
	50 > average	(40)	

Total score for A) academic performance (total 70)			
B	Work experience	Score	
	1 year clinical exposure	(5)	
	2> years clinical exposure	(10)	
Total score for B) academic performance (total 15)			
C	Academic qualification	Score	
	Advanced diploma (Somatology NQF 7)	(10)	
	Advanced diploma/ degree (Any Health Sciences related course)	(5)	
Total score for C) academic performance (total 15)			
TOTAL section A, B and C= 100			

In addition to the above, the DUT general rules will apply with regard to admission requirements based on work experience, age and maturity, and admission via Recognition of Prior Learning.

The admission of International students will be according to DUT's admissions policy for International Students.

6.3.2 Pass Requirements

In addition to Rule G14 and G15, the following rules apply. Students are encouraged to apply themselves to their studies, and strive for the best academic results possible in order to adequately prepare themselves for their future careers. There will be no examinations as this programme is continuously assessed

6.3.3 Re-registration Rules

The rule G16 of the General Handbook applies.

6.3.4 Exclusion Rules

The rule G 17 of the General Handbook applies.

6.3.5 Interruption of Studies

In accordance with Rule G23A, the maximum duration will be two (2) years of registered study. Should a student interrupt their studies by more than three (3) years, the student will need to apply to the department for permission to reregister and will need to prove currency of appropriate knowledge prior to being given permission to continue with registration.

6.3.6 Minimum Duration

The minimum duration is one (1) year of full time registered study (w.e.f. 2013/11).

6.4 MODULECONTENT

NB: Students are to read this section in conjunction with the relevant study guide.

Module Name and	Learning Area/Content	Assessment plan
Somatic Research Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project proposal development and ethical considerations Research Project management and documentation Research Project format Research Project budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignments (80%) Presentation (20%)
Permanent Remedial Somatic Therapy Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-invasive corrective aesthetics treatment therapy procedures incorporating use of radio wave therapy or laser therapy in the: Removal/management of benign skin disorders such as: Comedones, pedunculated papilloma, spider telangiectasia, milium, Campbell De Morgan Spots Ethical indications and contra indications to the use of specialised equipment Equipment management and costing of treatments Micro blading used to design eyebrows for alopecia sufferers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory tests (40%) Assignments (30%) Practical tests (30%)
Somatic Sports Massage Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of sports massage and deep tissue massage Common sports injuries and management thereof Practical application of massage techniques Referral practices and collaborative practices Sports massage categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory tests (40%) Practicum (30%) Case study/assignment (30%)

Holistic and Palliative Somatic Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts of holistic assessment and care. • Management philosophies of care and therapeutic approaches and interventions, advanced care planning. • Advanced communication skills, theories of empowerment, psychosocial needs, sexuality and spirituality, human caring, family • Supportive and effective intervention approaches to interdisciplinary working. • Evaluating and improving palliative care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory tests (20%) • Assignments (60%) • Presentation (20%) .
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