



CAREER INFORMATION 2026

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY CIVIL ENGINEERING



FACULTY OF
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ENVIRONMENT

DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL ENGINEERING
& GEOMATICS

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Diploma in Engineering Technology in Civil Engineering

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 99026

Qualification Code: DICVEI (Diploma)

Location: Indumiso Site, Midlands Campus (Pietermaritzburg)

Description of the Programme

Most Civil Engineering Technicians and Technologists are employed in industry in one of the two traditional areas, namely Building Industry or the Civil Engineering Industry, and may be involved in planning, designing or constructing. Within each of these areas, Technicians and Engineers may be employed either in Consulting offices, for a local authority or for a contractor. The Construction industry as a whole, plans, designs, constructs and maintains what is sometimes referred to as the built environment. This is not only houses, schools and multi-storey structures, but also roads, airports, tunnels, dams, water supplies, sewerage works, service reticulation, the list is endless.

In the traditional building industry, the buildings were designed by an architect and built by a contractor. However, an increasing number of today's buildings rely on accurate assessment of the structure by a Consulting Engineering team.

The Technician and Technologist would be key personnel, who would have tended to specialise in structural Engineering. The majority of qualified Civil Engineering staff however are engaged on all the other items that make up the built environment in the Civil Engineering Industry.

A specialisation in Water Engineering could bring an involvement in the design of water supply schemes, dams or irrigation projects. Alternatively, specialisation could be in the field of tunnels, bridges, transportation, mining or one of the many other aspects of engineering.

The construction industry offers thousands of unique and challenging positions in the new South Africa and throughout the world, and the opening to these is through a qualification as an Engineer, Technologist or Technician.

The main difference between the Professional Engineer and the Professional Technologist is that a Technologist tends to become more specialised in a particular field of Engineering, whereas an Engineer has been educated on a broader spectrum of subjects. Both the Professional Engineer and Professional Technologist may set up their own professional practice. The 2nd year Diploma in Engineering Technology: Civil Engineering is run on a semester basis.

The course has national recognition and the overall concept and modules studied comply with the minimum standards as set by the Engineering Council of South Africa.

At the Durban University of Technology, the modules syllabus has been adopted after consultation with representatives of the profession and the construction industry. In this way, students can be assured of the relevance of the course to their future employment.

Career opportunities

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Explanation of Points scale:

SENIOR CERTIFICATE(SC)		
SYMBOL	HIGHER GRADE	STANDARD GRADE
A	8	6
B	7	5
C	6	4
D	5	3
E	4	2
F	3	1
A	8	6
B	7	5

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE(NSC)		
%	LEVEL	POINTS
90-100	7	8
80-89%	7	7
70-79%	6	6
60-69%	5	5
50-59%	4	4
40-49%	3	3
30-39%	2	2
20-29%	1	1

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A person will only be considered for registration for an instructional programme approved by the Institution's Senate if the person complies with:

- The minimum admission requirements stated in DUT general handbook (refer to DUT website for general handbook).
- Institutional faculty, departmental and/or instructional programme specific rules; and

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK (HEQSF)

G7 rule: For Diploma:

"a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum of achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 3 in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects."

Entry Requirements Dip (Civil Engineering)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV)	
NSC DIPLOMA ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC). A Senior Certificate with a pass in English or equivalent qualification will be considered			(NCV) – LEVEL 4	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English	4	English	E	C	English	60%
English 1 st Additional	4	English Second Language	E	C	Mathematics	60%
Mathematics OR	4	Mathematics	E	C	Life Orientation	60%
Technical Mathematics	5	Physical Science	E	C	Physical Science	60%
Physical Science OR	4				In addition, THREE other additional vocational subjects at a minimum of 60%	
Technical Science	5					
In addition: THREE recognized NSC 20 credit subjects	4					

NB 1. NSC Mathematical Literacy will not be accepted as a substitute for the subject NSC Mathematics
2. The Department will only consider 1st and 2nd choice applicants for the Civil Engineering programme

OTHER: Applicant that qualifies for diploma study (Diploma Pass) at an institution of higher learning, but do not meet the departmental mathematics and/or physical science requirements, may present the following:

They hold a cognate National Technical Certificate N4 passes at 50% in four relevant subjects including Mathematics and Engineering Science, or cognate SAQA NQF level 4 qualification, as well as compliance with the English language requirements as stated in the General Rules. Credit may be given for subjects passed, in accordance with the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Policy.

Please Note: Due to the limited number of places available, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee a place. Final selection is made subject to the availability of places, academic results and other entry requirements where applicable.

OR

Admission Requirement based upon Work Experience, Age and Maturity

For admission to entry level DIPLOMA and certificate studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted to the Institution even if such a person is not in a possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate, or an equivalent certificate, provided that:

- 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 at the discretion of the respective Head of Department by a Senate approved admission assessment comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (AI) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and
- The relevant Faculty Board shall be satisfied that the person's standard of communication skills, ability to study successfully and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the relevant Faculty Board, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully. If required, the communication skills and study skills should be tested; and
- The person's application for admission in terms of work experience, age and maturity is approved prior to registration. Applicants intending to gain admission through work experience, age and maturity must submit their applications at least four months before commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.

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Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the **2025** 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 **2026** fees are not yet final

First Year Curriculum

Name of Module	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2026 Fees
Semester One				
Computer Applications A	CMAA101	5	12	R3260.00
Computer Applications B	CMAB101	5	12	TBA
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R3910.00
Drawing Applications	DRAP101	5	8	R3260.00
Drawing Equipment	DEQM101	5-	8-	R2110.00
Introduction to Construction Materials	ICMT101	5	8	R3420.00
Law for life	LWLF101	5	8	R2430.00
Mathematics A	MMTA101	5	12	R3950.00
Physics A	PSCA101	5	8	R3510.00
TOTAL				R25850.00
Semester Two				
Civil Engineering Methods	CEMT101	5	12	R4170.00
Civil Mechanics A	CIVM101	5	8	R4170.00
Drawing (introduction to CAD)	DICD101	5	12	R4020.00
Mathematics B	MMTB101	5	12	R4020.00
Physics B	PSCB101	5	8	R4020.00

Surveying for Civil Engineering	CVCE201	6	12	R3850.00
Technical Literacy	TLIT10	5	8	R4020.00
TOTAL			140	
TOTAL CREDITE FOR SEMESTER 1&2				R28270.00
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester Three				
Contract Management	CNTM201	6	8	R4370.00
Introduction to Water Engineering A	IWEA201	6	12	R4520.00
Mathematics C	MMTC101	5	12	R4200.00
Physics C	PSCC101	5	8	R4200.00
Soil Mechanics A	SLMA201	6	8	R4520.00
Structural Mechanics	STME201	6	8	R4370.00
Transport Technology A	TRNA201	6	12	R4370.00
TOTAL				R30550.00
Semester Four				
Contract Administration	CTAD201	6	8	R4380.00
Design Project	DSGP201	6	8	R4210.00
Introduction to Structural Design	INSD201	6	8	R4420.00
Introduction to Water Engineering B	IWEB201	6	8	R4380.00
Soil Mechanics B	SLMB201	6	8	R4420.00
Structural Analysis	STRA201	6	12	R4210.00
Structural Detailing	STDT201	6	8	R4330.00
Transport Technology B	TRNB201	6	12	R4210.00
TOTAL CREDITS FOR SEMETER 3 & 4			140	
TOTAL				R34560.00

Application

Applicants who wish to enrol for the programme must apply through the CAO system by no later than 30 September of the previous year.

CAO Online Application visit: www.cao.ac.za

CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06

Dalbridge, 4014

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CAO Code: DU-I-DNC (Diploma)

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2025

For Further Information

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Financial Aid

For Financial Aid application for a DUT programme please apply online at www.nsfas.org.za or call the NSFAS call centre on 0860 067 327.

For an explanation on how to fill out the application form, please go to www.nsfas.org.za or contact the call centre on the number above.

Please note that completing a form does not guarantee Financial Aid. For further assistance, please consult the Department of Financial Aid and Scholarships on (031)373 2931/2557/2054.

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