

# DIPLOMA IN LANGUAGE PRACTICE



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## Diploma in Language Practice

**NQF Level: 6**

**SAQA ID: 109819**

**Qualification Code: DILPR2**

**Location: M L Sultan Campus**

### Description of the Programme

The South African Constitution recognizes 11 official languages in South Africa. Since 1994, indigenous languages have had a rare opportunity to thrive. There is, therefore, an increasing demand for language practitioners.

The purpose of this qualification is to provide a professional skills and competencies to the people who work in the various fields of languages. Such people are referred to as Language Practitioners, and companies, government departments or international agencies employ them. The qualification in Language Practice means that learners will be capable of:

- Performing professional communication functions effectively in at least two South African and/or international languages.
- Translating, Interpreting, and editing in various professional contexts.
- Organizing, managing, and facilitating professional communication activities in the community and in industry.
- Communicating in an additional African or foreign language.

### Career Opportunities

Language practitioners can work as language facilitators in small, medium, and large institutions. Government departments and municipal offices all over South Africa, as well as international organizations and agencies, also employ several Language Practitioners. Interpreters are in demand at conferences, public events, in courts, and in the tourism industry.

A person with a Diploma in Language Practice enters the industry as a Junior Language Practitioner. As he/she gains more experience he/she can become a Senior/Principal Chief Language Practitioner in charge of several other Language Practitioners.

### 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

#### 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 (Diploma in Language Practice)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009) NSC DIPLOMA ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009) SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) (NCV) LEVEL 4	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English Home <b>OR</b>	4	English Home	D		English	50%
English (First additional)	5	English (First additional)		C	IsiZulu, <b>OR</b>	50%
IsiZulu OR isiXhosa <b>OR</b>	4	IsiZulu, OR, isiXhosa, <b>OR</b>	D		isiXhosa, <b>OR</b>	50%
Afrikaans Home <b>OR</b>		Afrikaans Home <b>OR</b>			Afrikaans	50%
IsiZulu OR isiXhosa <b>OR</b>	5	IsiZulu OR isiXhosa <b>OR</b>		C		
Afrikaans (First additional)		Afrikaans (First additional)				
In addition: <b>THREE</b> recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as per G7 rule stated above	3					

#### Additional Entry Requirements:

Successful completion with a total aggregate of 60% in the following:

- A language proficiency test
- An interview in the first language
- An interview in the second language

## 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 (Al) & 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 **2024** fees have been indicated. An increase according to the inflation rate can be expected. An increase for next year to accommodate the inflation rate can be expected.

**Please Note:** DUT cannot be liable for the fees in this brochure as the **2025** fees are not yet final.

## First Year Curriculum (Diploma in Language Practice)

Name of the Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2024 Fees
<b>Semester One</b>				
English for the Arts	ENGA101	5	12	R3460,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied First Language: IsiZulu 101	AFLZ101			R4030,00
Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 101:	AFLX101	5	12	R4030,00
Applied First Language: Afrikaans 101	AFLA101			R4030,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied Foreign Language: French 101	AFLF101			R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 101	AFLP101	5	12	R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 101	AFLM101			R4030,00
South African Sign Language101	SASL101			R4030,00
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R3740,00
Values in the workplace	VWKP101	5	8	R2490,00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>R15260,00</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>				
English 102	ENGA102	5	12	R4030,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied First Language: IsiZulu 102	AFLZ102			R4030,00
Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 102	ALFX102	5	12	R4030,00
Applied First Language: Afrikaans 102	ALFA102			R4030,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied Foreign Language: French 102	AFLF102			R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 102	AFLP102	5	12	R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 102	AFLM102			R4030,00
South African Sign Language 102	SASL102			R4030,00
Translation 102	TRAN102	5	16	R4560,00
Critical Thinking	CRTH101	5	12	R3450,00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>R20100,00</b>
<b>Total Credits for Semester One &amp; Two</b>			<b>120</b>	
<b>Second Year Curriculum</b>				
<b>Semester One</b>				
English 201	ENGA201	5	12	R4030,00
Translation 201	TRAN201	6	12	R4560,00
Equality & Diversity	EQDV101	5	8	R2330,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied First Language: IsiZulu 201	AFLZ201			R4030,00
Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 201	AFLX201	6	8	R4030,00
Applied First Language: Afrikaans 201	AFLA201			R4030,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied Foreign Language: French 201	AFLF201			R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 201	AFLP201	6	8	R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 201	AFLM201			R4030,00
South African Sign Language 201	SASL201			R4030,00
Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development	SRSC101	5	12	R2060,00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>R21040,00</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>				
English 202	ENGA202	6	12	R4030,00
Interpreting 202	INTR202	6	12	R4560,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied First Language: IsiZulu 202	AFLZ202			R4030,00
Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 202	AFLX202	6	12	R4030,00
Applied First Language: Afrikaans 202	AFLA202			R4030,00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied Foreign Language: French 202	AFLF202			R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 202	AFLP202	6	12	R4030,00
Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 202	AFLM202			R4030,00
South African Sign Language 202	SASL202			R4030,00
Communication Dynamics	COMD101	5	12	R4990,00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>R21640,00</b>
<b>Total Credits for Semester One &amp; Two</b>			<b>120</b>	
<b>Third Year Curriculum</b>				
<b>Semester One</b>				
English 301	ENGA301	7	16	R4030,00
Translation 301	TRAN301	6	8	R4560,00

Interpreting 301	INTR301	6	12	R4560.00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied First Language: IsiZulu 301	AFLZ301			R4030.00
Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 301	AFLX301	7	16	R4030.00
Applied First Language: Afrikaans 301	AFLA301			R4030.00
<b>Select ONE Module from the List Below:</b>				
Applied Foreign Language: French 301	AFLF301			R4030.00
Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 301	AFLP301	6	16	R4030.00
Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 301	AFLM301			R4030.00
South African Sign Language 301	SASL301			R4030.00
Language Practice 301	LPRA301	6	16	R3840.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>R25050.00</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>				
Language Practice 302	LPRA302	6	16	R3840.00
Digital Communication and Multimedia	COME101	6	12	R3360.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge	TENE101	6	8	R2490.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>R9690.00</b>
<b>Total Credits for Semester One &amp; Two</b>			<b>120</b>	

## 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:** <http://www.cao.ac.za>

### CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06  
Dalbridge  
4014

Tel: (031) 268 4444  
Fax: (031) 268 4422

**CAO code: DU-D-DLP**

**Closing date for applications: 30 September 2024**

### For Further Information:

Contact the Department of Media, Language & Communication Language Practice  
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### Financial Aid:

For Financial Aid application for a DUT programme please apply online at [www.nsfas.org.za](http://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](http://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)3732931/2557/2054.