

Diploma in Language Practice
NQF 6
SAQA ID: 109819

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 a number of 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 a number of other Language Practitioners.

Entry Requirements (Diploma in Language Practice)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)		NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV)		
NSC DIPLOMA ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)		NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) LEVEL 4		
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English Home OR	4	English Home	D		English	50%
English (First additional)	5	English (First additional)		C		
IsiZulu OR isiXhosa OR Afrikaans Home OR	4	IsiZulu, OR, isiXhosa, OR Afrikaans Home	D		IsiZulu, OR, isiXhosa, OR Afrikaans	50%
IsiZulu OR isiXhosa OR Afrikaans(First additional)	5	IsiZulu OR isiXhosa OR Afrikaans(First additional)		C		
Additional Entry Requirements:						
Successful completion with a total aggregate of 60% in the following:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (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

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 2021 fees are not yet final.

First Year Curriculum (Diploma in Language Practice)

Name of the Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester One				
English for the Arts	ENGA101	5	12	R2880.00
One of the following Applied First Language: IsiZulu 101 Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 101 Applied First Language: Afrikaans 101	AFLZ101 AFLX101 AFLA101	5	12	R3360.00
One of the following: Applied Foreign Language: French 101 Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 101 Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 101 South African Sign Language 101	AFLF101 AFLP101 AFLM101 SASL101	5	12	R3360.00
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R2530.00
Values in the workplace	VWKPI01	5	8	R2080.00
TOTAL				R14210.00
Semester Two				
English 102	ENGA102	5	12	R3360.00
One of the following: Applied First Language: IsiZulu 102 Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 102 Applied First Language: Afrikaans 102	AFLZ102 ALFX102 AFLA102	5	12	R3360.00
One of the following Applied Foreign Language: French 102 Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 102 Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 102 South African Sign Language 102	AFLF102 AFLP102 AFLM102 SASL102	5	12	R3360.00
Translation 102	TRAN102	5	16	R3800.00
Critical Thinking	CRTH101	5	12	R2880.00
TOTAL				R16760.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			120	

Second Year Curriculum

Name of the Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester One				
English 201	ENGA201	5	12	R3360.00
Translation 201	TRAN201	6	12	R3800.00
Equality & Diversity	EQDVI01	5	8	R1950.00
One of the following Applied First Language: IsiZulu 201 Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 201 Applied First Language: Afrikaans 201	AFLZ201 AFLX201 AFLA201	6	8	R3360.00
One of the following Applied Foreign Language: French 201 Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 201 Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 201 South African Sign Language 201	AFLF201 AFLP201 AFLM201 SASL201	6	8	R3360.00
Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development	SRSC101	5	12	R1720.00
TOTAL				
Semester Two				
English 202	ENGA202	6	12	R3360.00
Interpreting 202	INTR202	6	12	R3880.00
One of the following: Applied First Language: IsiZulu 202 Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 202 Applied First Language: Afrikaans 202	AFLZ202 AFLX202 AFLA202	6	12	R3360.00
One of the following: Applied Foreign Language: French 202 Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 202 Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 202 South African Sign Language 202	AFLF202 AFLP202 AFLM202 SASL202	6	12	R3360.00
Communication Dynamics	COMD101	5	12	R4160.00
TOTAL				
Total Credits For Semester One & Two			120	

Third Year Curriculum

Name of the Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester One				
English 301	ENGA301	7	16	R3360.00
Translation 301	TRAN301	6	8	R3800.00
Interpreting 301	INTR301	6	12	R3800.00
One of the following: Applied First Language: IsiZulu 301 Applied First Language: IsiXhosa 301 Applied First Language: Afrikaans 301	AFLZ301 AFLX301 AFLA301	7	16	R3360.00
One of the following: Applied Foreign Language: French 301 Applied Foreign Language: Portuguese 301 Applied Foreign Language: Mandarin 301 South African Sign Language 301	AFLF301 AFLP301 AFLM301 SASL301	6	16	R3360.00
Language Practice 301	LPRA301	6	16	R3200.00
TOTAL				R20880.00
Semester Two				
Language Practice 302	LPRA302	6	16	R3200.00
Digital Communication and Multimedia	COME101	6	12	R2880.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge	TENE101	6	8	R2080.00
Total				R8160.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			120	

Application

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

For Application Forms:

Contact the Central Applications Office (CAO)

Address letters to

Central Applications Office

Private Bag X06

Dalbridge 4014

Tel: (031) 268 4444

Fax: (031) 268 4422

OR

Apply online: <http://www.cao.ac.za>

CAO code: DU-D-DLP

Closing date for applications: 30 November 2020

For Further Information:

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