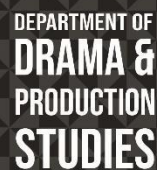


HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN PERFORMING ARTS TECHNOLOGY



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Higher Certificate in Performing Arts Technology

QF Level: 5

SAQA ID: 119963

Qualification Code: HCPAT I

Location: Ritson Campus (Block N)

Description of the Programme

The Higher Certificate in Performing Arts technology is ideal for any candidate interested in working backstage and behind the scenes rather than on stage as a performer. Modules focus on introductory engagements with Theatre Design, Lighting and Sound as well as Technical Production and Stage Management for live performance and events. There is a strong Occupational Health and Safety engagement across modules too.

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements for entry and must undergo an interview in order to be considered for the programme.

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 SUBFRAMEWORK (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 (Higher Certificate in Performing Arts Technology)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV)	
NSC HIGHER CERTIFICATE ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)			(NCV)	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English	3	English	E	C	English	50%
Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy	3	Mathematics	E	C	Mathematics	50%
In addition: THREE recognized NSC 20 credit subjects other than L.O, only be one of which may be an additional language.	3	And THREE other subjects	E	C	And THREE other subjects	50%

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: (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 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
- (b) 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
- (c) 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 (Higher Certificate in Performing Arts Technology)				
Name of the Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2025 Fees
Semester One				
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R3910.00
Elements of Theatre Design 1A	EOTD101			R3290.00
Information Communication Technology Literacy & Skills	ICTL101			R2430.00
Introduction to Technopreneurship	ITCH101			R2270.00
Lighting & Sound Theory and Practice I	LSTP101			R5480.00
Stage Technology 1A	STCH101			R3290.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge	TENE101			R2600.00
Theatre Study 1A	THSA101	5	8	R1720.00
TOTAL				R24990.00
Semester Two				
Elements of Theatre Design 1B	EOTD1B			R3290.00
Lighting & Sound Theory and Practice 1B	LSTP102			R5480.00
Stage Technology 1B	STCH102			R3290.00
Theatre Study 1B	THSB101	5	8	R1720.00
Technical Production and Stage Management	TPSM102			R4480.00
TOTAL				R18260.00

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

CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06
Dalbridge
4014

Tel: (031) 268 4444

Fax: (031) 268 4422

CAO Code: DU-D-HP2

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)3732931/2557/2054.

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