

# Career Information

## Diploma in Clothing Management

**Location:** Steve Biko Campus (S5 & S6, Level 4)

### Description of the Programme

The qualification in Clothing Management is designed to prepare individuals for a wide range of specialist career opportunities in the apparel and related industries, retail sector and the informal sector. This qualification develops students' knowledge and skills relating to the technology of sewn products. This includes design development and production through to sales, as well as the management and business skills required for a career in the apparel industry.

### FAQs

#### 1. Is there a future for the clothing industry?

The SA apparel industry is stabilising and expecting to begin to grow as it is one of the main SA industries offering employment opportunities. With a very high unemployment rate in SA, government is looking to the Clothing Industry to assist in this and to contribute to growing the SA economy. This is driving demand for top students / candidates looking for challenging careers in many different types of jobs.

#### 2. Do I need Maths or other subjects for this course?

Maths is not a prerequisite for the programme but you will battle significantly if you have difficulties with numeracy. Everything we do is based in numbers whether it is units of time, money or measurements.

#### 3. So is this course only about sewing?

Sewing is a small area of what we do – there are four subject areas – each adding to the holistic knowledge you will need to succeed. These areas focus around the following:

- **Product** – Everything relating to one product – design, development, sourcing fabric/trim, making the pattern and product to required quality standards.
- **Process** – Apparel manufacturing processes including cutting room and production floor supervision, quality and workstudy.
- **Business – Economics**, entrepreneurship, marketing, retail, supervisory management and Industrial relations.

#### 4. Can I do Clothing Management without doing art at school?

Yes - we will teach you how to do technical drawings to be able to record all critical data visually.

#### 5. So are you training us to become machinists?

No - we are educating you about the practical and theoretical aspects of producing sewn products. However, in order to work in a technical team in the clothing or retail environment, you need to be able to instruct/manage machinists, so must know the job yourself.

#### 6. How is Clothing Management different from Fashion Design?

Although we do the designing or clothing (and other sewn products), our focus is on the business or technical aspects (Where are we going to get the raw material?, Who is going to buy it?, How much will they pay?, Can we produce this product at the correct quality?, Can we make money on this product?), rather than the creative artistic, conceptual design process.

#### 7. How many applications do you receive for how many places?

We get about 900 applications for 35 places.

#### 8. What are your Programme Highlights?

- DUT has been educating clothing technologists for nearly 40 years. Alumni are well known in the South African industry and many have travelled to join overseas companies.
- We have strong industry links and qualified staff with expert experience.
- We have partnered with Gerber Technology – the leading industry software for patternmaking, grading and marker-making.
- We have a well-equipped sewing floor with computerized equipment and a carefully designed training programme to ensure students produce sewn products to industry specifications.
- We do research in niche areas e.g. Sizing and Micro-Small enterprises.

### Career opportunities

There are job opportunities in the apparel and other related industries for graduates in management, product development, production, work study, planning, quality, garment technology and other areas.

Employment in South Africa is available in four main industrial sectors:

- formal manufacturers (established apparel manufacturers),
- informal sector (small to micro enterprises and entrepreneurs),
- retail (centralised buying and store management), and
- allied industries (footwear, training, selling equipment and computers).

Opportunities also exist for self-employment.

### Further Studies

After completing the Diploma in Clothing Management graduates may apply to enter the Advanced Diploma in Apparel Technology.

Graduates can pursue further qualifications in management, entrepreneurship, retail, quality or education. Significant opportunities also exist for self-employment.

### Explanation of Points scale:

symbol	Senior Certificate	
	Higher Grade	Standard Grade
A	8	6
B	7	5
C	6	4
D	5	3
E	4	2
F	3	1

%	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

### Entry Requirements

DEPARTMENTAL NSC REQUIREMENTS		DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (SC)		
NSC Diploma Entry		A Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification.		
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG
English	3	English	E	C
Plus 3 additional recognized 20 credit subjects (maximum of one additional language)	3	3 additional subjects (maximum of one additional language)	E	C

### OR

#### NCV entry requirements:

At least 50% in English.

### 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**

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants will also write the DUT SATAP English Literacy test and an industry accepted numeracy assessment to determine potential. Applicants obtaining less than 50% on this assessment with no special consideration (i.e. mature age application, industry experience and letter from employer) may be conditionally accepted.

### Selection Criteria

As there are many more applicants than there are places available, in addition to the above minimum entry requirements, the following selection process will determine placement in the programme:

- All applicants must apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) by September 2019.
- Initial shortlisting for selection is based on the applicant's academic performance in Grade 12 (Grade 11 or Grade 12 trial marks will be used for current matriculants).

**(NB – A Matric pass with 26 or more points is highly recommended! It is not a minimum requirement but it will assist in getting your application short listed for selection placement. If you have less than this, but have your heart set on this programme, it is highly recommended you contact the department to flag your application. You will need to make the ranking in all other assessments.)**

Applicants who meet the minimum criteria above will be:

- invited to undergo placement testing and will be invited to attend an interview (It is highly recommended that applicants have done some research into the clothing industry prior to the interview)
- Final acceptance will be based on ranked performance according to the table below:

Assessment	Weighting
Academic Achievement –average percentage of NSC/SC/NCV subjects — excluding Life Orientation.	40%
Placement testing including DUT SATAP English Literacy and Numeracy test	40%
Interview	20%

- Selection will be based on the ranking of applicants who meet the minimum requirements as well as available places.
- Provisional acceptance is given to selected applicants awaiting NSC or NCV results. If the final results do not meet the minimum entrance requirements, this provisional acceptance will be withdrawn.

#### Tuition Fees

This qualification is changing to the new Diploma in Clothing Management and the subjects and fees will be different from 2019. The overall focus of the programme remains the same. The fees for the first year (SP1 + SP2) in 2020 have not yet been finalised however they will be in the region of R35 000. For further information, please contact the department directly.

**NB:** For semester programmes there would be a single registration for semester 1 and semester 2 at the beginning of each academic year.

#### First Year Curriculum:

##### Semester 1

Production Technology 1 A  
 Patternmaking 1A  
 Business Management 1A  
 Cornerstone 101 (IEG)  
 Applied Science and Wellness (Elective)  
 Introduction to Applied Sciences (Elective)

##### Semester 2

Production Technology 1B  
 Patternmaking 1B  
 Operations Management 1B  
 Business Management 1B  
 Information & Communication Technology Literacy & Skills (Elective)  
 Interpersonal Communication & Self (Elective)

#### Second Year Curriculum

##### Semester 1

Production Technology 2A  
 Textiles 2B  
 Operations Management 2A  
 Business Management 2  
 Applied Science for Sustainable Development

##### Semester 2

Production Technology 2B  
 Textiles 2B  
 Patternmaking 2  
 Operations Management 2B  
 Financial Literacy (Elective)  
 Introduction to Technopreneurship (Elective)  
 Value in the Workplace (Elective)

#### Third Year Curriculum

##### Semester 1

Production Technology 3A  
 Operations Management 3A  
 Business Management 3A  
 Retail Systems  
 Role of Applied Sciences in Society (Elective)  
 Community Development & Engagement (Elective)

##### Semester 2

Production Technology 3B  
 Product Technology Project  
 Operations Management 3B  
 Business Management 3B  
 The Entrepreneurial Edge (Elective)  
 The Global Environment (Elective)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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#### APPLICATION FORMS

Contact the Central Applications Office (C.A.O)

**CAO Code:** Dip-DU-D-CLM

Address letters to:

Central Applications Office  
 Private Bag X06  
 Dalbridge, 4014  
 Tel: (031) 2684444 Fax: (031) 2684422  
 Apply online: <http://www.cao.ac.za>

**Closing Date for application:** 30 September 2019

#### 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)373 2931/2557/2054.



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