



CAREER INFORMATION 2021

DIPLOMA IN CLOTHING MANAGEMENT



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Diploma in Clothing Management

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SAQA ID: 105108

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 of 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 40 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 industrial 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 (Diploma in Clothing Management)

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 OR English (1st additional)	3	English	E	C	At least 50% in English	50%
And three additional recognised 20 credit subjects (maximum of one additional language)	3	And three additional recognized subjects (maximum of one additional language)	E	C		

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 2020.
- 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.

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 2020 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 2021 fees are not yet final.

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				
Name of the Module	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester 1				
Production Technology 1A	PRTE101	5	12	R3 500
Textile I	TEXT101	5	8	R2 500
Patternmaking 1A	PATT101	5	8	R2 500
Business Management 1A	BUMA101	5	8	R2 000
Cornerstone 101 (IEG)	CSTN101	5	12	R2 530
Applied Science and Wellness	ASWL101	5	12	R3 110
Total				R16 140
Semester 2				
Production Technology 1B	PRTE102	5	16	R4 500
Patternmaking 1B	PATT102	5	12	R3 500
Operations Management I	OPMA101	5	12	R3 500
Business Management 1B	BUMA102	5	12	R3 500
I & CT Literacy & Skills	ICTL101	5	8	R1 950
Total				R16 950
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			120	

Second Year Curriculum				
Name of the Module	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester 1				
Production Technology 2A	PRTE201	6	16	R4 500
Textiles 2A	TEXT201	6	8	R2 950
Operations Management 2A	OPMA201	6	16	R2 500
Business Management 2	BUMA201	6	8	R4 500
Applied Science for Sustainable Development		6	12	R2 880
Total				R17 330
Semester 2				
Production Technology 2B	PRTE202	6	12	R3 500
Textiles 2B	TEXT202	6	12	R3 500
Patternmaking 2	PATT201	6	8	R2 500
Operations Management 2B	OPMA202	6	20	R2 500
Financial Literacy (Elective)	TBA	5	8	R1 800
Introduction to Technopreneurship (Elective)	ITCHI01	5	8	R1 800
Value in the Workplace (Elective)	VWKPI01	5	8	R2 080
Total				R13 800/ R14 080
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			120	

Third Year Curriculum				
Name of the Module	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester 1				
Production Technology 3A	PRTE301	6	16	R4 500
Operations Management 3A	OPMA301	6	8	R2 500
Business Management 3A	BUMA301	6	8	R2 500
Retail Systems	RESY301	6	16	R4 000
Role of Applied Sciences in Society (Elective)	RASS101	6	12	R2 880
Community Development & Engagement (Elective)	ASCE101	6	12	R3 110
Total				R16 380/ R16 610
Semester 2				
Production Technology 3B	PRTE302	6	16	R4 500
Product Technology Project	PRTP301	6	16	R4 500
Operations Management 3B	OPMA302	6	8	R2 500
Business Management 3B	BUMA302	6	12	R3 500
The Entrepreneurial Edge (Elective)	TENE101	6	8	R1 800
The Global Environment (Elective)	GENVI01	6	8	R1 800
Total				R16 800
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			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.

Application Forms

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

Address letters to:

Central Applications Office Private Bag X06

Dalbridge, 4014

Tel: (031) 2684444 Fax: (031) 2684422

OR

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

CAO Code: DU-D-CLM

Closing Date for application: 30 November 2020

For Further Information

Contact the Department of Clothing and Textile Studies Faculty of Applied Sciences

Durban University of Technology P O Box 1334

DURBAN, 4000

Tel: (031) 373 2812 Fax: 0866799532

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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