



CAREER INFORMATION 2026

DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT SCIENCES: OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT



FACULTY OF
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& QUALITY
MANAGEMENT

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Diploma in Management Sciences: Operations Management

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 94830

Qualification Code: DIMORI

Location: ML Sultan Campus-Durban (Block B 1st Floor)

Description of the Programme

There are various good reasons why the student should study diploma in management sciences: operations management. One is that operations management activities are at the core of all business organisations, regardless of the industry they are occupying. Operations management covers areas such as customer service, quality assurance, production planning and control, scheduling, job design, inventory management, and many more.

Production/operations management is about management and all managers need to possess the knowledge and skills to effectively plan, organise, lead, and control the resources of the organisation. Within the manufacturing sector the greater proportion of the workers are engaged in the production function which includes specialist fields such as total quality management, work study, production planning and control, inventory control, project management, operations research, etc. the diploma programme prepares students to enter any of the specialist fields in production or go directly into supervision of workers and thereafter as production/operations managers. Experiential training is compulsory, and every effort made is to expose students to manufacturing or service organizations.

Duration

Three years full-time or part-time.

Career Opportunities

The programme prepares the student for positions such as trainee production/operations manager, work-study officer, quality controller, customer services, materials manager, and production foreman/superintendent and quality consultant.

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 Management Sciences: Operations Management)

| NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009) | | SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE-2009) | NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) | |
|--|-----------------|--|--|------|
| NSC Diploma Entry. A minimum of 25 points excluding Life Orientation will be considered. | | A Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification | (NCV) (Level 4) | |
| Compulsory Subjects | NSC Rating Code | | Compulsory Subjects | Mark |
| English (home) OR | 3 | | English | 50% |
| English (1st additional) | 4 | | Two fundamental subjects | 50% |
| Mathematics OR | 3 | | | |
| Mathematics Literacy | 4 | | Three compulsory vocational subjects | 60% |
| And TWO 20 credit subjects (not more than 1 language) | 3 | Applicant with 20 or more points will be considered. | | |
| In addition: ONE recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as per G7 rule stated above | 3 | | | |

Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements mentioned above. NSC, SC and NCV, applications received via the Central Applications Office (CAO) is ranked from highest to lowest points. Based on these rankings, those learners with the highest points will be offered a firm place; the learners who have applied with their grade 11 and / or midyear grade 12 results may be offered a conditional place subject to them meeting the requirements mentioned in above. Preference will be given to learners from designated groups.

NB: If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the department reserves the right to apply a ranking system to select students.

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.

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the 2025 fees have been indicated.

Please note: DUT cannot be held liable for the fees in this brochure, as the 2026 fees are not yet final.

| First Year Curriculum | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Name of Module | Module Code | HEQSF Level | SAQA Credits | 2025 Fees |
| Semester One | | | | |
| Cornerstone | CSTN101 | 5 | 12 | R3 910.00 |
| Environmental Sustainability | EVST101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Introduction to Business Law | ITBL101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Introduction to Business | ITRB101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Quantitative Approaches to Management Sciences | QAPM101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Total | | | | R18 510.00 |
| Semester Two | | | | |
| Time & Stress Management | TASM101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Law For Life | LWLF101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Business Communication & Information Literacy | BCIF101 | 5 | 16 | R5 750.00 |
| Financial Literacy | FNLT101 | 5 | 12 | R3 620.00 |
| Academic Literacy & Practice | ALWR101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Total | | | | R19 100.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 1 & 2 | | | 120 | |
| Second Year Curriculum | | | | |
| Semester Three | | | | |
| Operations Management 1 | OPRM101 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Operations Management Techniques | OPRT101 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Organizational Effectiveness 1 | OEFC101 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Introduction to Technology | ITLG101 | 6 | 12 | R3 620.00 |
| Total | | | | R16 760.00 |
| Semester Four | | | | |
| Operations Management 2 | OPRM201 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Operations Management Techniques 2 | OPRT201 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Organizational Effectiveness 2 | OEFC201 | 6 | 20 | R5 670.00 |
| Workplace Preparedness | WKPR101 | 6 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Total | | | | R16 860.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 3 & 4 | | | 120 | |
| Third Year Curriculum | | | | |
| Semester Five | | | | |
| Operations Management 3 | OPRM301 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Operations Management Techniques 3 | OPRT301 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Organizational Effectiveness 3 | OEFC301 | 6 | 20 | R5 670.00 |
| Project Management | PRJC101 | 6 | 12 | R4 380.00 |
| Total | | | | R18 810.00 |
| Semester Six | | | | |
| Supply Chain Management | SCHM101 | 6 | 16 | R3 220.00 |
| Work Sampling | WKSM101 | 6 | 16 | R4 380.00 |
| Operations Entrepreneurship | OPEN101 | 6 | 12 | R3 220.00 |
| Quality Management Systems | QMNS101 | 6 | 12 | R3 220.00 |
| Total | | | | R14 040.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 5 & 6 | | | 120 | |

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.

For CAO Online Application visit: <http://www.cao.ac.za>

Address Letters to:

Central Applications Office
Private Bag X06
Dalbridge,
4014
Tel: (031) 268 4444
Fax: (031) 268 4422

CAO: Codes

Diploma: **DU-D-PD3 (Full-Time)**
Diploma: **DU-D-PDY (Part-Time)**

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.

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.