

DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT SCIENCES: RETAIL MANAGEMENT



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Diploma in Management Sciences: Retail Management

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 94830

Qualification Code: DIMRMI

Location: ML Sultan Campus (Durban-B Block: 7th Floor)

Description of the Programme

Retail is one of the fastest expanding sectors in the South African economy, employing one out of every five economically active people. Yet it is not always considered as a career option. Perhaps it is because retailing is such a common part of our everyday lives that it is often taken for granted. Retailing is the sale of goods and services to the ultimate consumer for personal, family or household use. The scope of retail is broad with the result that a career in the field can end up in various areas. Career options range from in-store positions to various alternatives in regional and head offices as well as distribution centres.

The Diploma in Management Sciences: Retail programme is ideally suited to anyone who wishes to make a career in retailing. Excellent career opportunities are available in large corporations. Excellent career opportunities are available in large corporations. A number of retail partners offer excellent scholarships to good candidates.

Personal Qualities Required

While there are a number of different skills required to be successful in the retail field, people skills can often make an enormous difference. Candidates for a career in retail should also be good communicators, be able to tolerate pressure, have high energy levels, enthusiasm, good organisational skills and be trustworthy, efficient and dependable. A cheerful disposition goes a long way as well and candidates should definitely not be afraid of hard work and long hours!

Duration of the Programme

Three years full-time

Career Opportunities

Most retail companies have opportunities in a number of areas such as store operations, finance and administration, buying and planning, logistics, human resources, marketing and IT.

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 Requirement (Diploma in Management Sciences: Retail Management)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE-2009)	NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) (NCV) (Level 4)	
NSC Diploma Entry. A minimum of 25 points excluding Life Orientation will be considered.		A Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification.		
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			
And TWO 20 credit subjects (not more than ONE language)	3	Applicant with 20 or more points will be considered.	Three vocational subjects	60%
In addition: ONE recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as per G7 rule stated above	3			

Selection criteria for this programme

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements mentioned above. NSC, SC and NCV applications received via the Central Applications Office (CAO) will be scored and 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 12 June/Trial results may be offered a conditional place subject to them meeting the requirements mentioned 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	IBSL101	5	16	R4 870.00
Introduction to Business	IBUS101	5	16	R4 870.00
Quantitative Approaches to Management	QTAM101	5	8	R2 430.00
Total				R18 510.00
Semester Two				
Law for Life	LWLF101	5	8	R2 430.00
Time & Stress Management	TSTM101	5	8	R2 430.00
Academic Literacy & Practice	ALWR101	5	16	R4 870.00
Business Communication & Info Literacy	BCLT101	5	16	R4 870.00
Financial literacy	FNLT101	5	12	R3 620.00
Total				R18 220.00
Total Credits for Semester 1 & 2			120	
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester Three				
Retail fundamentals	RTFN201	6	16	R4 870.00
Retail operations management I	RTOM101	6	16	R4 870.00
Introduction to technology	ITLG101	6	12	R3 620.00
Retail operations management 2A	ROMA201	5	16	R4 870.00
Total				R18 230.00
Semester Four				
Theory & practice of selling	TPRS201	6	16	R4 870.00
Retail marketing	RTMK201	6	16	R4 870.00
Finance for managers	FFMN201	6	16	R4 870.00
Retail operations management 2B	ROMB201	6	12	R3 900.00
Total				R18 510.00
Total Credits for Semester 3 & 4			120	
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester Five				
Retail merchandise management	RTMM201	6	16	R4 870.00
Retail operations 3A	ROMA301	6	16	R4 870.00
Logistics	LGST201	6	16	R4 870.00
Employee relations	EMRL201	6	16	R4 870.00
Total				R19 480.00
Semester Six				
Work preparedness	WPPD101	6	8	R2 450.00
Retail buying	RTBY201	6	16	R4 870.00
Retail operations management 3B	ROMB301	6	16	R4 870.00
Applied retailing	APRT201	6	16	R4 870.00
Total				R17 060.00
Total Credits for Semester 5 & 6			120	

Application

Applicants who wish to enrol for the programme/s 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
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CAO Codes:

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Closing Date for Applications: 30 September 2025

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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 3732931/2557/2054.