

DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT SCIENCES: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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Diploma in Management Sciences: Business Administration

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 94830

**Qualification Code: DIMBSI (DBN)
DIMBAI (PMB)**

**Location: 6th floor, B block, M.L Sultan Campus (Durban)
Riverside Campus (Pietermaritzburg)**

Description of the Programme

The Diploma in Management Sciences, specialising in Business Administration, has been developed to equip students with the generic organisational knowledge, skills, and abilities to make a meaningful contribution to the success of any organisation. The programme will equip students with analytical, conceptual, and technical skills in the major areas of management, financial management and administrative management.

Students who complete the diploma will gain adequate knowledge to enter a wide variety of fields such as retailing, manufacturing, insurance, banking, logistics, and marketing. The qualification offers a wider scope for job opportunities than does most specialist diplomas.

Duration of the Programme

Three years full-time

Career Opportunities

Entrepreneur, administration, banking, wholesale and retail sectors, financial management, government services, government administration, education management, hospital administration, customer service, transportation, property and real estate, supply chain management, and insurance.

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: Business Administration)

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			
And TWO 20 credit subjects (not more than 1 language)	3	Applicants with 20 or more points will be considered	Three compulsory 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	IBLW101	5	16	R4 870.00
Introduction to Business	IBSS101	5	16	R4 870.00
Quantitative Approaches to Management	QAPM101	5	8	R2 430.00
Total				R18 510.00
Semester Two				
Law for Life	LWLF101	5	8	R2 430.00
Business Communication & Info. Literacy	BCIF101	5	16	R5 750.00
Financial Literacy	FINL101	5	12	R3 570.00
Time and Stress Management	TASM101	5	8	R2 430.00
Academic Learning & Writing Skills/Practice	ALWR101	5	16	R4 870.00
Total				R19 050.00
Total Credits Semester 1 & 2			120	
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester Three				
Management I	MGMT101	6	16	R4 870.00
Finance for Managers	FMGR101	6	16	R4 870.00
Administrative Management I	ADMM101	6	16	R4 870.00
Introduction to Technology	ITLG101	6	12	R3 620.00
Total				R18 230.00
Semester Four				
Management II	MGMT201	6	16	R5 370.00
Financial Management II	FNMG201	6	16	R4 870.00
Administrative Management II	ADMM201	6	12	R3 570.00
Economics	ECNM101	6	16	R4 870.00
Total				R18 680.00
Total Credits Semester 3 & 4			120	
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester Five				
Management III	MGMT301	6	16	R4 870.00
Financial Management III	FNMG301	6	16	R4 870.00
Administrative Management III	ADMM301	6	12	R3 570.00
Select One Module (Elective) from the List Below:				
Credit Control	CCNT101	6	16	R4 870.00
Logistics	LGTC101	6	16	R4 870.00
Operations Management	OPMM101	6	16	R4 870.00
Total				R27 920.00
Semester Six				
Applied Management	APMG101	6	16	R4 870.00
Applied Financial Management	APFM101	6	16	R4 870.00
Applied Administrative Management	AAMN101	6	12	R3 570.00
Entrepreneurship	ETPS101	6	16	R4 870.00
Total				R18 180.00
Total Credits Semester 5 & 6			120	

Application

Applicants who wish to enrol for any one of the above programmes 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 x 06
Dalbridge,
4014
Tel: (031) 268 4444
Fax: (031) 268 4422

CAO Codes

Diploma: **DU-D-MN3 (DBN)**
Diploma: **DU-P-MN3 (PMB)**

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2025

For Further information

Contact the Department of Entrepreneurial Studies and Management
Durban University of Technology
6th Floor, B Block,
ML Sultan Campus
P. O. Box 1334,
Durban,
4000
Tel: (031) 373 5147

OR

Contact the Department of Applied Management Riverside Campus (Pietermaritzburg)
Durban University of Technology
P O Box 101112
SCOTTSVILLE,
3209
Tel: (033) 845 8851

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\