

BACHELOR OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE



FACULTY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
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Bachelor of Child & Youth Care

NQF Level: 8

SAQA ID: 94178

Qualification Code: BCCYC3

Location: Ritson Campus (Mansfield School: 1st Floor)

Description of the Programme

“Child and youth care work is work with children and youth as whole persons, in order to promote their social competence and healthy development, by participating in and using their day-to-day environments and life experiences and through the development of therapeutic relationships, most importantly with the particular child or youth who is the focus of attention”.

- Anglin, J. 1995. Child and Youth Care: A Unique Profession.
The Child Care Worker, 13(2):10-11. Feb.

The four-year professional Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree aims to provide students with skills, knowledge and experience of working in a variety of child and youth care settings. The major focus is the development and healing of the child within family, community and other settings. The study, practice and application of knowledge are strengthened through practical training and community projects. These involve the student in the child and youth care worker's duties related to holistic care, behaviour management, and developmental assessment and programming to optimize the health and well-being of young people and families. The child and youth care worker does not undertake therapy in the traditional sense; rather, she/he has the job of purposefully creating and using a developmental and therapeutic milieu, building a therapeutic relationship with the child, and promoting healing and development through the conscious use of events as they occur in the life-space. The child and youth care worker is not a psychologist, social worker or a teacher, but should be able to work with these professionals on an equal footing within the multidisciplinary team.

Career opportunities

At present, the areas in which learners and graduates work include the following:

Residential child and youth care/treatment centres (e.g. children's homes, substance abuse programmes)

- State facilities (e.g. places of safety, secure care & special schools)
- Probation programmes
- Street shelters and outreach programmes
- Educare centres
- Community development projects
- Assistant Probation officers in law courts
- Day-care and play-care centres
- Hospitals caring for abandoned children
- Mediators and facilitators in “at risk” communities
- Hostels at residential/educational facilities
- Diversion programmes
- Wilderness training and adventure programmes
- Schools and after-school care programmes
- Youth development programmes
- Intermediaries in court settings

Who Should Apply?

Child and youth care work requires practical people with academic ability, a strong concern for children and youth, and commitment to the development of human beings and society. The emphasis on use of self as a therapeutic tool requires students who are willing to face personal challenges for their own development. The major focus is on children and youth who are marginalised, or at risk of becoming marginalised.

Students require enthusiasm, initiative, creativity, and the ability to be reflective and responsible. Students are expected to engage in a rigorous process of self-development and to commit themselves to ethical standards.

We reserve the right to select applicants. Final selection and placement will be dependent on completing tests and interviews. Applicants are notified of the outcome of the selection process during December.

Selected applicants will be placed in the four-year professional degree programme. The programme includes care, development, and therapeutic work across the life span with a particular focus on children/youth from birth to 18-21 years of age. The Bachelor of Child and Youth Care is offered on a full-time basis in Durban.

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 Bachelor's Degree:

"a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum achievement rating of 4 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 4 in four NSC 20-credit subjects chosen from the NSC designated subject list"

Entry Requirements (BHS- Child and Youth Care)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL (NCV)	
NSC DEGREE ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) A Senior Certificate with matric exemption.			(NCV)	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English	4	English (1st Language)	D	B	English	70%
		English (2nd Language)	B	A		
And Three 20 credit subjects, (not more than one language)	4				And any TWO Fundamental subjects	70%
In addition: One recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as per G7 rule (see page 5-6)	4				And any FOUR vocational subjects	70%

Additional Entry Requirements:

Applicants are required to present themselves for an interview and an entrance assessment. The applicant will be required to provide proof of having undertaken voluntary work of a minimum of 20 hours, or employment with children, youth, families, or communities. The proof of evidence must be presented at the interview.

Please Note: The Department reserves the right to consider only 1st to 3rd choice students for BHS- Child and Youth Care

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the **2025** 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 **2026** fees are not yet final.

First Year Curriculum (BHS- Child and Youth Care) (BCCYC3)				
Name of Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	HEQSF Credits	2025 Fees
Semester One				
Communication for Child and Youth Care Workers	CCYC101	6	20	R5190,00
Child & Youth Care Work I	CYCW101	5	16	R5190,00
Human Development I	HDEV101	5	16	R5190,00
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Issues of Gender and Society in Health Care OR	IGSH101	6	12	R5840.00
Personal & Professional Development I	PPDV101	6	12	R2600.00
TOTAL				R24 010.00
Semester Two				
Behaviour Management I	BHVM101	6	12	R4870.00
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R3910.00
Child and Youth Care Work Practice I	CYCP102	6	8	R5840.00
Child & Youth Care Work I	CYCW101	5	16	R5190.00
Human Development I	HDEV101	5	16	R5190.00
TOTAL				R25 000.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			132	
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Child & Youth Care Work IIA	CYCW201	6	16	R5190,00
Human Development II	HDEV201	6	16	R5190,00
Contemporary Social Issues in South Africa	CSIC101	6	16	R7800.00
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Sustainable Earth Studies OR	SERS101	5	8	R2450.00
Basics of Geopolitics	BGEP101			
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Introduction to Technopreneurship OR	ITCH101	5	8	R2270.00
Hands Filled with Meaning	HSWM101			R2450.00
TOTAL				R25 350.00
Semester Two				
Child & Youth Care Work II	CCWA201	6	16	R5190,00
Human Development II	HDEV201	6	16	R5190,00
Behaviour Management II	BHVM201	7	8	R7800.00
Child and Youth Care Work Practice II	CYCP202	6	12	R7800.00
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Personal and Professional Development II OR	PPDV201	6	12	R2600.00
Environmental Awareness for Health Care Practitioners	EVAH101	5		R5840.00
TOTAL				R34 420.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			128	
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Child & Youth Care Work III	CYCW301	7	16	R10390.00
Human Development III	HDEV301	7	16	R10390.00
Research Methodology	RSMY101	8	8	R4520.00
Child & Youth Care Work Practice III	CYCW302	7	8	R7800.00
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
HIV and Communicable Diseases in KZN OR	HCDK101	6	8	R2600.00
Philosophies and History of Healing	PHHL101			
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
The Global Environment OR	GENV101	6	8	R2450.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge (GE)	TENE101			R2600.00
TOTAL				R40 750.00
Semester Two				
Child & Youth Care Work III	CYCW301	7	12	R10390.00
Human Development III	HDVB301	7	12	R10390.00
Behaviour Management III	BHVM301	7	12	R3910.00

Research Proposal Development	RPDV10I	7	8	
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Personal and Professional Development III OR	PPDV30I	7	12	R2600.00
Professional Practice and Management I	PPRM10I	6		R2600.00
TOTAL				R29 890.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			120	
Fourth Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Child & Youth Care Work IV	CYCW40I	8	16	R10390.00
Human Development IV	HDEV40I	8	16	R7800.00
Behaviour Management IV	BHVM40I	8	12	R3910.00
Child & Youth Care Work Practice	CYCP40I	8	12	R11680.00
TOTAL				R33 780.00
Semester Two				
Child & Youth Care Work IV	CYCW40I	8	16	R10390.00
Human Development IV	HDEV40I	8	16	R7800.00
Research Project	RPCY10I	8	12	TBA
Child & Youth Care Work Practice IV	CYCP40I	8	8	R11680.00
Select ONE Module from the List Below:				
Personal and Professional Development III OR	PPDV40I	8	12	R3910.00
Ethics and Medical Law	ETML10I			R5850.00
TOTAL				R36 630.00
Total Credits for Semester One & Two			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>

CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06

Dalbridge

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Tel: (031) 268 4444

Fax: (031) 268 2244

OR

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

CAO Code: DU-D-CYC

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.

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)3732931/2557/2054.