

BACHELOR OF NURSING



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Bachelor of Nursing

NQF Level: 8

SAQA ID: 76925

**Qualification Code: BCHNSG (4-YRS MAIN)
BCHNSE (5-YRS EXTENDED CURRICULUM)**

Location: Indumiso Site, Midlands Campus (Pietermaritzburg)

Description of the Programme

The academic programme extends over a period of four years of full-time study, of which the first two years provides the future professional nurse with a comprehensive foundation in basic sciences; including basic medical sciences and social sciences. The programme trains nurses in general nursing and midwifery. Attendance at lectures, clinical health settings, including community settings and laboratories will form the basic pattern. The programme will include a foundation in conducting research in nursing. Clinical learning placements will take place in South African Nursing Council (SANC) accredited facilities. The final year will focus on the specialisation of midwifery nursing practice.

The planned teaching and learning experiences provide a broad foundation in basic sciences (medical and social sciences) as well as in-depth and comprehensive knowledge, skills and attitudes in clinical nursing to ensure that qualifying learners have the requisite knowledge and skills to function as professional nurses.

Nursing as a profession

Nursing entails preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health throughout the lifespan: from birth to death. A nurse deals with many conditions and cases, including trauma, maternity, paediatrics, gynaecology, surgical and medical conditions. Nursing is a science and an art, involving both theory and practical work in different practice settings.

Working Conditions

Working as a nurse means you will be working shifts and long hours including night duty, dedicated solely to the well-being of the clients you care for. You will also work closely with other health professionals such as doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and dieticians, to name a few. The value of a true nurse lies in the ability to show respect for human life and dignity, and total commitment to patients and other healthcare users.

Personal Qualities Required

Being a nurse requires qualities such as: integrity, good communication and interpersonal skills, empathy, patience, and compassion.

It is necessary to have a working knowledge and understanding of the basics of Nursing as a profession.

Career Opportunities

Once qualified, you may apply for employment at either public or private health hospitals or clinics, as well as the medical laboratories, municipalities and the military. Further career prospects are to continue postgraduate studies, specialising in clinical nursing, management or academia.

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)		
SYMBOL	HIGHER GRADE	STANDARD GRADE
90-100	7	8
80-89%	7	7
70-79%	6	6
60-69%	5	5
50-59%	4	4
40-49%	3	3

Entry Requirements (Bachelor of Nursing)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 JANUARY 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) NCV	
NSC Degree Entry. Applicants with 28 (excluding Life Orientation) or more points will be considered.		Exemption (Endorsement) or equivalent qualification.			NCV (LEVEL 4)	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Marks
English	3	English	E	C	English	60%
Life Sciences	4	Biology	D	B	Biology	60%
Maths OR	4	Maths OR	D	B	Mathematic OR	60%
Maths Literacy OR	6					
Physical Science	4	Physical Science	D	B	Mathematics Literacy	60%
And TWO 20 credit subjects, only one of which may be an additional language	4				Plus, THREE compulsory vocational subjects As per G7 rule (P3)	70%

Additional Entry Requirements: 1. Standardized Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP) and an interview will be used to complement the NSC results to assess the applicants' potential to cope with the academic demands of the programme. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Candidates applying for recognition of prior learning will be required to provide evidence of competence by means of portfolios and/or challenge assessment as per the targeted learning outcomes. First priority will be given to the latest matriculants. Students who are pregnant or less than six weeks postpartum/termination of pregnancy **need to declare** to facilitate proper guidance. Returning students who have been previously enrolled for Bachelor of Nursing (DUT) **MUST** visit the Academic Department for the process of resuming their studies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON WORK EXPERIENCE, AGE AND MATURITY

For admission to entry level DEGREE studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted if such a person is in possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate, or an equivalent certificate, but lacks the minimum requirements for admission to the degree 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 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) (2,5 hours) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and the person has obtained
- A conditional certificate of exemption from the Matriculation Board (when in possession of the Senior Certificate (SC)); OR has met
- The requirements for Senate discretionary admission (when in possession of the NSC or equivalent), where Senate is satisfied the applicant has shown sufficient academic ability to ensure success, and that the person's standard of communication skills, and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the Senate, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully.
- The person's application for admission in terms of with work experience, age and maturity is approved prior to:

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. 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.

Bachelor of Nursing: BCHNSG (Mainstream 4-Yrs)

First Year Curriculum				
Name of Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2025 Fees
Semester One				
Biological and Natural Sci I: Anatomy & Physiology IA	BNAP101	5	12	R3920.00
Biological and Natural Sc II: Microbiology and Parasitology	BNMP101	5	12	R2730.00
Clinical Nursing Practice IA (FNS)	CPFN101	6	12	R9500.00
Ethos and Professional Practice	ETPP101	6	12	R5820.00
IGE I: Information & Communication lit and Skills	ICLS101	5	8	R2420.00
Fundamental Nursing Science IA	FUNSI01	6	12	R4240.00
TOTAL				R28 630.00
Semester Two				
Biological and Natural Sci I: Anatomy & Physiology IB	BNAP102	5	12	R3920.00
Fundamental Nursing Science 1B	FUNSI02	6	12	R4240.00
Biological and Natural Sci III: Biophysics & Biochemistry	BSBB102	5	12	R2730.00
IGE 2: Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R3910.00
Clinical Nursing Practice IB (FNS)	CPFN102	6	12	R9500.00
FGEI: Sociology	SOCN101	6	8	R5820.00

TOTAL CREDITS			136	
TOTAL				R30 120.00
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical IA	CPMS201	7	24	R9500.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IA	MASN201	7	12	R8300.00
Pathophysiology	PPSG201	6	16	R5280.00
Sociology II	SOCN201	7	8	R5820.00
Select One Module from the List Below:				
IGE 4: Equality and Diversity OR	EQDI201	6	8	R2420.00
The Global Environment	THGE201	6		R2420.00
TOTAL				R33 740.00
Semester Two				
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical IB	CPMS202	7	24	R9500.00
FGE 2: Ethics and Medical Law	EAML202	7	12	R5820.00
IGE 3: HIV and Communicable Diseases	HVCD101	7	12	R2420.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IB	MASN202	7	12	R8300.00
Pharmacology	PMCG201	6	12	R1610.00
TOTAL CREDITS			140	
TOTAL				R27 650.00
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Clinical Research Project IA	CRPJ301	8	12	R4200.00
Nursing Research	NRES301	8	12	R4200.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IIA	CPMS301	8	16	R9500.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IIA	MASN301	8	16	R8180.00
IGE 5: Restorative justice	RSJS301	7	8	TBA
TOTAL				R26 080.00
Semester Two				
Clinical Nursing Project IB	CRPJ302	8	12	R4200.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Health Care Services Management	HCSM302	8	12	R5390.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IIB	CPMS302	8	16	R9500.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IIB	MASN302	7	16	R8180.00
FGE 3: Leadership and Supervisory Development	LASD302	8	12	R5820.00
TOTAL CREDITS			132	
TOTAL				R33 090.00
Fourth Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Clinical Nursing Practice: Midwifery I	CNPM401	8	36	R7650.00
Midwifery I	MIWF401	8	24	R8090.00
TOTAL				R15 740.00
Semester Two				
Clinical Nursing Practice: Midwifery II	CNPM402	8	36	R7650.00
Midwifery II	MIWF402	8	24	R8090.00
TOTAL CREDITS			120	
TOTAL				R15 740.00

Bachelor of Nursing: BCHNSE (ECP-EXTENDED PROGRAMME)

First Year Curriculum				
Name of Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credit	2025 Fees
Academic Literacy	ADLT101	5	4	R2700.00
Biological and Natural Sci I: Anatomy & Physiology	BNAP101	5	12	R3920.00
Biological and Natural Sci I: Anatomy & Physiology	BNAP102	5	12	R3920.00
Biological and Natural Sci II: Microbiology & Parasitology	BNMP101	5	12	R2730.00
Biological and Natural Sci III: Biophysics and Biochemistry	BSBB102	5	12	R2730.00
English Communication	EGCM101	5	4	R2430.00
Computer and Information Sciences	CAIS102	5	4	R2430.00
Mathematics Literacy	MTLT102	5	4	R2430.00
Life Skills Foundation	LSKF101	5	4	R2430.00
Introduction to Research	NITS102	5	4	R2430.00
TOTAL CREDITS			72	
TOTAL				R28 150.00

Second Year Curriculum				
IGE 2: Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	6	R3910.00
IGE 1: Information and Communication Literacy and Skills	ICLS101	5	6	R2420.00
FGE 1: Sociology I	SOCN101	6	10	R5820.00
Ethos and Professional Practice	ETPP101	6	12	R5820.00
Fundamental Nursing Science IA	FUNSI01	6	12	R4240.00
Fundamental Nursing Science IB	FUNSI02	6	12	R4240.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Fundamental Nursing Sc IA	CPFNI01	6	12	R9500.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Fundamental Nursing Sc IB	CPFNI02	6	12	R9500.00
TOTAL CREDITS			82	
TOTAL				R45 450.00

Third Year Curriculum				
IGE 4: Equality and Diversity	CSTN101	6	6	R3910.00
The Global Environment	EQDI201	6	6	R2420.00
Pathophysiology	PPSG201	6	16	R5280.00
Pharmacology	PMCG201	6	12	R1610.00
Sociology II	SOCN201	7	8	R5820.00
FGE 2: Ethics and Medical Law	AML202	7	8	TBA
IGE 3: HIV and communicable diseases	HVCD101	6	8	R2420.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing I	MASN201	7	12	R8300.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IA	CPMS201	7	24	R9500.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IB	CPMS202	7	24	R9500.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IB	MASN202	7	12	R8300.00
TOTAL CREDITS			136	
TOTAL				R57 060.00

Fourth Year Curriculum				
Medical and Surgical Nursing IIA	MASN301	8	16	R8180.00
Medical and Surgical Nursing IIB	MASN302	8	12	R8180.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IIA	CPMS301	8	16	R9500.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Medical and Surgical Nursing IIB	CPMS302	8	16	R9500.00
FGE 3: Leadership and Supervisory Development	LASD302	8	8	R5820.00

Clinical Practice: Health Care Services Management	HCSM302	8	12	R5390.00
Nursing Research	NRES301	8	12	R4200.00
Clinical Research Project IA	CRPJ301	8	12	R4200.00
Clinical Research Project IB	CRPJ302	8	12	R4200.00
IGE 5: Restorative Justice	RSJA301	7	8	R2420.00
TOTAL CREDITS			124	
TOTAL				R61 590.00

Fifth Year Curriculum				
Clinical Nursing Practice: Midwifery I	CNPM401	8	36	R7650.00
Clinical Nursing Practice: Midwifery II	CNPM402	8	36	R7650.00
Midwifery I	MIWF401	8	24	R8090.00
Midwifery II	MIWF402	8	24	R8090.00
TOTAL CREDITS			120	
TOTAL				R31 480.00

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.

Closing Date for applications: 30 September 2025

CAO Code: DUBNI

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

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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.

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