



Diploma in Somatology

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 99725

**Qualification Code: DISOMI (Mainstream)
DISMFI (ECP)**

Location: Ritson Campus (Mansfield School Ground Floor)

Description of the Programme

In keeping with the faculty's mission and goals, the programme aims to provide high standards of teaching and innovative learning strategies thereby producing ethical, skilful, and quality somatologists who can promote and represent their profession locally, nationally, and internationally.

Graduates will have the capacity to apply leadership and entrepreneurial skills thereby responding to the national imperatives of creating employment opportunities.

The Somatologists will promote social responsibility through community engagement and research activities. The programme aims to encourage and improve relationships with all other health care professionals through research and being responsive to the primary health care and wellness needs of the people of South Africa, thereby adapting and cementing their position within the health care community.

To be a suitable candidate for the profession it is important to be fit and in good physical health. Emotional strength and maturity are also a necessity, as once qualified, the Somatologist will be dealing on a one-to-one basis with various people with many different physical and psychological needs.

The Diploma is offered on a full-time basis only.

Training given during the three-year and four-year (ECP) programme leads to a Diploma and Advance Diploma, respectively. The programme is divided into theoretical and practical components. Class practicals are performed on fellow students. In the second and third year, students complete experiential learning and community service in order to gain workplace experience. The curriculum has been designed to give the diplomat a working knowledge and experience of all facets of health education, in order for them to play a role in the general health care and wellness of individuals.

Career Opportunities

Owning, running, or working in a spa/salon/clinic or health hydro, international, and national shipping liners, game lodges and wellness centres, exercise as well as advising clients on nutritionally balanced eating programmes. Marketing and training positions are also available in national and international cosmetic companies, equipment houses and retail outlets.

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

Entry Requirements (Diploma in Somatology)

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) Level 4	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English	3	English	E	C	English	60%
Biology/Life Science	4	Mathematics	E	C	Life Science	70%
Mathematics OR	3	Biology	E	C	Mathematics OR	60%
Mathematics Literacy	5				Mathematics Literacy	80%
And TWO additional 20 credit subjects, (not more than one language)	3	And TWO additional 20 credit subjects, (not more than one language)	E	C	Any TWO subjects	60%

Additional Entry Requirements:

Further requirements include Medical Report and an Assessment test

Applicants are required to have a prescribed medical stating that they have a clean bill of health, as a high standard of physical fitness is essential
Admission is dependent upon an entrance test to be held in the latter part of the year in which applicants apply

OR

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 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 is 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 to the relevant department at least four months before commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.

An extended curriculum programme is also available to students who have applied but who do not fulfil all the tertiary admission requirements for success. This extended programme requires students to complete the first year of the Somatology Diploma over two years during which

additional assistance is afforded to them. When the two years for this extended programme has been completed, students automatically move to the second year of the Somatology programme. Fees are split for those subjects taken. Twenty places are available on the extended programme. Selection is based on the entrance test. The students with the best school results in recommended subjects, aptitude, personality and entrance test will have the best chance of being accepted to the programme.

Dress Regulation for Practical Classes

Uniform as prescribed must be worn during practicals.

Shoes - well-fitting shoes or sandals with low heels.

Hair - clean, tidy, and secured away from the face.

Nails - very short and unvarnished.

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.

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Name of Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2025 Fees
First Year Curriculum				
Aesthetic Practices	AESPI01	5	12	R5010.00
Anatomy and Physiology for Somatology IA	APHSI01	5	24	R5560.00
Microbial Hygiene	MCBH101	5	8	R2120.00
Entrepreneurship I	ENPSI01	5	8	R2120.00
Communication and Academic Writing	CMAW101	5	8	R2230.00
Science I: Chemistry	SCCH101	5	8	R2230.00
Nutrition I	NTRT101	5	8	R2230.00
Somatic Therapy I: Face	SMTFI01	5	16	R6340.00
Somatic Therapy I: Body	SMTBI01	5	16	R6680.00
Cornerstone 101	CSTNI01	5	12	R3910.00
Values in the Workplace	VWKP101	5	8	R2600.00
TOTAL CREDITS			128	
TOTAL				R41 030.00
Second Year Curriculum				
Disease Fundamentals	DSFD101	6	16	R5560.00
Aesthetic practices II	AESP201	6	12	R5010.00
Entrepreneurship II	ENPS201	6	8	R2230.00
Science II: Cosmetic	SCCS201	6	8	R2780.20
Nutrition II	NTRT201	6	8	R2130.00
Somatic Therapy II: Face	SMTF201	6	16	R6680.00
Somatic Therapy II: Body	SMTB201	6	16	R6680.00
Basic Pharmacology I	BSPH101	5	8	R2330.00
Selection ONE Module from the List Below:				
Personal and professional develop I OR	PPDV101	6	12	R2600.00
Environmental Awareness of Health Profess	EVAH101			R5840.00
HIV & communicable diseases in KZN	HCDK101	6	8	R2600.00
Community Engagement Project	CMEPI01	6	8	R2840.00
Somatic Clinical practice I: A	SCLA101	6	8	R2780.00
Somatic Clinical practice I: B	SCLB101	6	8	R2780.00
TOTAL CREDITS			136	
TOTAL				R52 840.00
Third Year Curriculum				
Entrepreneurship III	ENPS301	6	8	R2230.00
Somatic Therapy III: Body	SMTB201	6	16	R6680.00
Complementary Therapy I	CPHI101	6	16	R6680.00
Complementary Therapy II	CPHI201	6	16	R6680.00
Wellness Therapy I	WLTH101	6	16	R6680.00
Socio Psychology I	SCPS101	6	8	R2230.00
Socio Psychology II	SCPS201	6	8	R2230.00
Selection ONE Module from the List Below:				
The Global Environment OR	GENV101	6	8	R2450.00
Information and Comm Techno Literacy and Skills	ICTL101			R2430.00
Selection ONE Module from the List Below:				
Personal & professional develop II OR	PPDV201	6	12	R2600.00
Issues of gender and society in health care OR	IGSH101	5	12	R5840.00
Personal and Profess Develop III	PPDV301	7	12	R2600.00
Somatic Clinical Practice II: A	SCLA201	6	16	R3800.00
Somatic Clinical Practice II: B	SCLB201	6	16	R6680.00
TOTAL CREDITS			140	
TOTAL				R59 810.00

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.

Application Forms

Contact the Central Applications Office (C.A.O.)

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

CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06

Dalbridge

4014

Tel: (031) 268 4444

Fax: (031) 268 4422

CAO Code: DUDST3

Closing Date for Applications: 30 September 2025

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.