

Career Information

Higher Certificate in Dental Assisting

Location

Ritson/ ML Sultan Campus

Description of the Programme

Dental assistants require a variety of diverse skills ranging from secretarial to clinical skills. They are involved in everything from reception duties to data capturing, dealing with patients and medical aid schemes, however their primary task is assisting the dentist with dental procedure be it surgical, impression taking for dentures, orthodontics, fillings or extractions. One of the most important functions of a Dental Assistant is infection control, ensuring the proper sterilization of instruments and ultimately making sure that all the necessary precautions have been taken to ensure patient, dental assistant and dentist are protected.

Students will register for a Higher Certificate in Dental Assisting which will be run over two semesters. They will also be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as student dental assistants.

Personal Qualities Required

- Good people skills
- Well organised and an eye for detail
- An ability to concentrate and keep pace with very precise work
- Willingly work under instruction Punctuality
- Ability to work under pressure

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities exist in South Africa at present. Employment opportunities exist for dental assistants in private practice, in the public hospitals as well as in the medical division of the defence force, medical aid companies, sales representatives for dental supply companies and dental laboratories. Experienced dental assistants also readily find employment internationally.

Entry Requirements

DEPARTMENTAL NSC REQUIREMENT		DEPARTMENTAL SC REQUIREMENT		
NSC: Higher Certificate Entry		Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG
English (Home) or English 1st Additional language	3	English	E	C
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy	3 5	Mathematics	E	C
Physical Sciences or Life Sciences	3	Biology OR Physical Science	E	C
And two additional 20 credit subjects (of which only one may be a language)	3	And two other subjects	E	C

Additional Entry Requirements:

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants will have to present themselves for interviews and entrance tests.

Final selection of students will be made after the interviews have been completed.

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the 2019 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 2020 fees are not yet final.

NB: For semester programmes there would be a single registration for semester 1 and semester 2 at the beginning of each academic year.

First Semester Curriculum:

Dental Assisting Practical IA
Dental Assisting Theory IA
Dental Practice Management I
Oral Anatomy & Pathology IA
Pharmacology

Total

2019 FEES

R2040
R2100
R5790
R2460
R 910

R13 300

Second Semester Curriculum:

Dental Assisting Practical IB
Dental Assisting Theory IB
Oral Anatomy & Pathology IB
Dental Assisting Clinical Practice
Cornerstone

R2040
R2100
R2460
R 940
R2950

TOTAL:

R10 900

Closing Date for Applications: 29 September 2019

CAO Code: H. Cert – DUDHDA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPLICATION FORMS

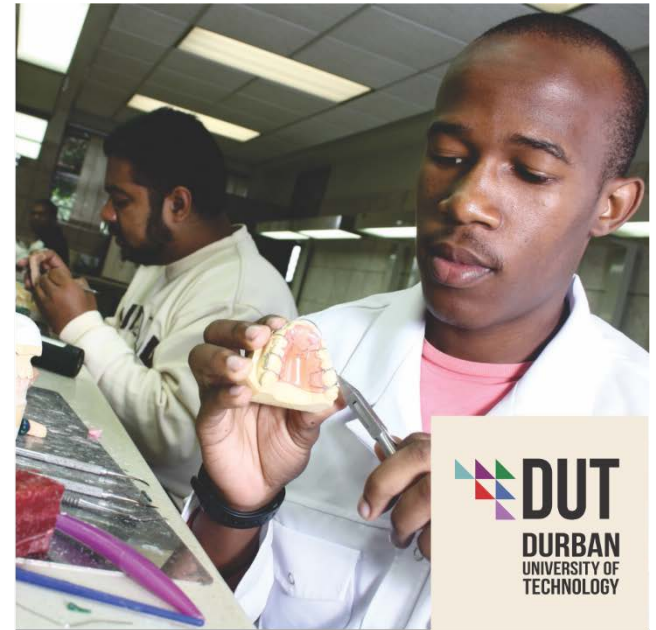
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HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN
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1 JANUARY 2019 – 31 DECEMBER 2020

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