

Higher Certificate in Dental Assisting

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SAQA ID: 97879

Location: ML Sultan Campus (Block A)

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 organized and an eye for detail
- An ability to concentrate and keep pace with very precise work
- Willingness to 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 (HC in Dental Assisting)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV)	
NSC HIGHER CERTIFICATE ENTRY Applicants with 28 points or more will be considered		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) A Senior Certificate with a pass in English or equivalent qualification.			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) LEVEL 4	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English Home OR English (First additional)	3	English (1 st language) OR English (2 nd language)	E	C	English (Home) OR English (First Additional)	60%
Mathematics OR Mathematics Literacy	3	Mathematics	E	C	Mathematics OR Mathematics Literacy	60%
Physical Science OR Life Science	5	Physical Science OR Biology	E	C	Physical Science OR Life Science	70%
And two additional 20 credit subjects (not more than one language)	3	And two additional subjects	E	C	Any two subjects	60%

Additional Entry Requirements:

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

Interviews will be conducted early in November. Final selection of students will be made after the interviews have been completed.

Applicants are generally selected only after an interview.

NB: Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission

NB: Please check CAO and DUT website regularly for updates.

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 (Al) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and

(b) 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

(c) 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

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the 2020 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 2021 fees are not yet final.

First Year Curriculum (HC in Dental Assisting)

Name of Module	Module Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2020 Fees
Semester One				
Dental Assisting Practical IA	DAPA101	5	12	R2150
Dental Assisting Theory IA	DATA101	5	16	R2210
Dental Practice Management IA	DNPM101	5	12	R6100
Oral Anatomy & Pathology IA	OAPA101	5	12	R2590
Pharmacology for Dental Assisting	PHDA101	5	8	R960
Total				R14 010
Semester Two				
Dental Assisting Practical IB	DAPB101	5	12	R2150
Dental Assisting Theory IB	DATB101	5	16	R2210
Oral Anatomy & Pathology IB	OAPB101	5	12	R2590
Dental Assisting Clinical Practice	DACPI01	5	16	R990
Cornerstone	CSTN101	5	12	R2530
Total				R10470
Total Credits For Semester One & Two			128	

Application

Applicants who wish to enroll 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.)

Address letters to:

Central Applications Office
Private Bag X06
Dalbridge 4014

Tel: (031) 2684444

Fax: (031) 2684422

OR

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

Closing Date for Applications: 30 September 2020

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