

Career Information

Diploma in Somatology

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 is 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 B Tech Somatology 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 that they may 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 and 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, and equipment houses and retail outlets.

Duration

Three Year or Four year (Extended Curriculum)

Entry Requirements

| DEPARTMENTAL NSC REQUIREMENTS | | DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS | | |
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| NSC Diploma Entry | NSC Rating Code | Compulsory Subjects | HG | SG |
| English (home) OR English (1st additional) | 3 | English | E | C |
| Maths OR Maths Literacy | 3 5 | Maths | E | C |
| Life Sciences | 4 | Biology | E | C |
| Any 2 additional 20 credit subjects (only one of which may be a language) | 3 | And any two other subjects | E | C |

| RATING CODE | RATING | MARKS % |
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| 7 | Outstanding achievement | 80-100 |
| 6 | Meritorious achievement | 70-79 |
| 5 | Substantial achievement | 60-69 |
| 4 | Adequate achievement | 50-59 |
| 3 | Moderate achievement | 40-49 |
| 2 | Elementary achievement | 30-39 |
| 1 | Not Achieved | 0 - 29 |

NCV Level 4

With English and Maths at 60% or Maths Literacy at 80%, Life Sciences at 70% and any two additional subjects at 60%

Additional Entry Requirements: Further requirements include an assessment test and questionnaire.

1. 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 absolutely essential.
2. Admission is dependent upon an entrance test. A total number of 32 students can be accommodated for the full programme on an annual basis.

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 course.

DRESS REGULATION FOR PRACTICAL CLASSES

Uniform as prescribed must be worn during practicals. Shoes - well-fitting shoes or sandals with low heels.
Hair - clean and tidy and secured away from the face. Nails - very short and unvarnished.

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:

- (a) 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
- (b) The relevant Faculty Board shall be satisfied that the person's 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 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 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 finalised.

First Year Curriculum:

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| Aesthetic Practices | R3800 |
| Anatomy and Physiology | R4220 |
| Microbial Hygiene | R1690 |
| Entrepreneurship I | R1690 |
| Community & Academic Writing | R1690 |
| Science I: Chemistry | R1690 |
| Nutrition I | R1690 |
| Somatic Therapy I: Face | R5060 |
| Somatic Therapy I: Body | R5060 |
| Cornerstone 101 | R2950 |

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2019 Fees

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| R1970 |
| <u>R31 510</u> |

Second Year Curriculum

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| Disease Fundamentals | R4220 |
| Aesthetic practices II | R3800 |
| Entrepreneurship II | R1690 |
| Science II: Cosmetic | R2110 |
| Nutrition II | R1690 |
| Somatic Therapy II: Face | R5060 |
| Somatic Therapy II: Body | R5060 |
| Basic Pharmacology I | R1690 |

Choose one of the following:

Personal & professional development I R1970

Or

Environmental Awareness of Health Professionals R4430

Choose one of the following:

Personal & Professional Development II R2530

Or

Issues of Gender & Society in Health Care R4430

Choose one of the following:

HIV and communicable diseases in Kwa Zulu Natal R1970

Or

Community engagement project R2150

Somatic Clinical practice IA R2110

Somatic Clinical practice IB R2110

Third Year Curriculum

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| Entrepreneurship III | R1690 |
| Somatic Therapy III: Body | R2030 |
| Complementary Therapy I | R5060 |
| Complementary Therapy II | R5060 |
| Wellness Therapy I | R5060 |
| Socio Psychology I | R1690 |
| Socio Psychology II | R1690 |

Choose one of the following:

Global Environment R1850

Or

Information and Comm Tech Lit & Skills R1850

Choose one of the following:

Personal & Professional Development III R2530

Or

Professional Practice & Management I R4100

Somatic Clinical practice IIA R2890

Somatic Clinical practice IIB R5060

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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