BACHELOR OF PHARMACY

(Qualification type: Professional Bachelor’s Degree)
Qualification code: BPPH01 - NQF Level 8 (480 credits)
SAQA ID: 65130, CHE NUMBER: H/H16/E016CAN

Campus where offered: Arcadia Campus

REMARKS

a. Admission requirement(s) and selection criteria:

• FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A SENIOR CERTIFICATE BEFORE 2008:

Admission requirement(s):
A Senior Certificate or a relevant qualification, with at least a D symbol at Higher Grade, or a B symbol at Standard Grade for English, Mathematics, Physical Science and Biology. Applicants with Botany and/or Physiology in place of Biology will also be considered.

Recommended subject(s):
None.

Selection criteria:
Applicants who comply with the above requirements will be invited for the TUT potential assessment and an interview with a departmental panel.

• FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE IN OR AFTER 2008:

Admission requirement(s):
A National Senior Certificate with a bachelor’s degree endorsement (four subjects with a minimum score of 4 in each) or equivalent recognised qualification, with an achievement level of at least 4 for English (home language or first additional language), 4 for Mathematics, 4 for Physical Sciences, 4 for Life Sciences and 4 for two other subjects (excluding Life Orientation).

Recommended subject(s):
None.

Selection criteria:
To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least 24.

Assessment procedures:
- Applicants with a score of 32 or more will be given preference for admission subject to availability of space.
- Applicants with a score of 24 to 31 will do the TUT potential assessment. Based on the results, some applicants will be invited for an interview with a departmental panel.

The APS will contribute 60%, the interview will contribute 20% and the potential assessment will contribute 20% towards the final admission score.

• FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A QUALIFICATION FROM TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) COLLEGES (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS FET COLLEGES):

Admission requirement(s):
A National Certificate (Vocational) at NQF Level 4 with a bachelor’s degree endorsement issued by the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with at least 60% (APS of 5) for English, Mathematics and at least 70% (APS of 6) for Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and any two other vocational subjects (with a combined achievement rating of 6).
Selection criteria:
To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least 28.

Assessment procedures:
- Applicants with a score of 36 or more will be accepted unconditionally.
- Applicants with a score of 28 to 35 will do the TUT potential assessment. Based on the results, some applicants will be invited for an interview with a departmental panel. The APS will contribute 60%, the interview will contribute 20% and the potential assessment will contribute 20% towards the final admission score.

b. Minimum duration:
Four years.

c. Presentation:
Day classes.

d. Intake for the qualification:
January only.

e. Exclusion and readmission:
See Chapter 2 of Students’ Rules and Regulations.

f. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:
See Chapter 30 of Students’ Rules and Regulations.

g. General information for registration with the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC):
All students admitted to the first year of study must register with the SAPC before 30 June of the relevant year. Please contact the academic department for further information.

h. Module credits:
Module credits are shown in brackets after each module.

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**CURRICULUM**

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TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE FIRST YEAR: 120

**SECOND YEAR**

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**TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION:** 480

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**SUBJECT/MODULE INFORMATION (OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS)**

The syllabus content is subject to change to accommodate industry changes. Please note that a more detailed syllabus is available at the Department or in the study guide that is applicable to a particular subject/module.

On 01 August 2017, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

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**ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND PROJECT (RIP448P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

The theory and practice of research including, a structured project in an area of pharmacy. The module is presented in 3 parts: Part 1: Research methodology theory and protocol development. Part 2: Experimental phase and data collection. Part 3: Completion and submission of research report. These parts are separated by other modules for administration and logistic purposes. (Total tuition time: ± 108 hours)
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**CARDIOVASCULAR PHARMACY (CAP245P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
An overview of the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular and renal systems. The pathophysiology of the major disorders affecting the cardiovascular and renal systems. The pharmacology of the therapeutic agents, including antimicrobials, used to treat these disorders. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

**COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE: COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACY CARE (CPP347P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
Administration, management skills and the philosophy of pharmaceutical care. Counselling, provision of advice and drug therapy management and their effects on the patient. Immune status importance of prevention and nutrition and their effects on the family. Epidemiology, health education and drug information and their effects on the community. The following aspects of dispensing: legal, communication with the patient and other health-care professionals, patient profiles, preparation of the prescription and record-keeping. The role of the pharmacist as a tutor. (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)

**COMMUNITY PHARMACY WORK-BASED LEARNING (CPL347P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
Practical experience in aspects of the dispensing process, pharmacist initiated care, communication with the patient and other health-care workers, specialist areas of community pharmacy, legal and ethical requirements and important aspects of management. (Total tuition time: ± 36 hours)

**ENDOCRINOLOGY AND REPRODUCTION (EAR347P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
A study of the pathophysiology of major disorders affecting the endocrine system, coupled with drug treatment of such conditions. This module includes the basic female and male reproduction functions, diseases and conditions that are under hormonal control, including pregnancy, growth development, birth, genetics, lactation and ageing. (Total tuition time: ± 108 hours)

**FROM ATOMS TO MOLECULES (ATM145P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
Drug entities of synthetic organic/inorganic nature: structure, reactivity, bonding, acid/base characteristics, configuration and conformation, periodic table, redox reactions, salt formation, pH, pKa, limit tests, physical phases. Analytical methods. (Total tuition time: ± 72 hours)

**FROM MOLECULES TO MEDICINES (MTM145P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
An overview of the design and development of pharmaceutical products. Research and development of drug delivery systems, chemistry of medicinal compounds – introductory organic chemistry, the reactions that drug compounds undergo, physical and chemical properties of drugs and how these affect formulation, isolation/synthesis of active ingredients, preformulation, formulation, basic principles underlying the development of drug delivery systems, the various drug delivery systems, stability aspects, an introduction to preclinical and clinical trials, compounding of medicines. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

**HOSPITAL-BASED PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AND FIRST-AID (HPC448P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
The principles and practice of pharmaceutical care in a hospital setting. The module covers the completion of a patient database, identification of patient’s drug related needs, construction of a drug related problem list and the development, implementation and evaluation of pharmaceutical care plan. First aid. Human resource management (Provide well managed human resources in the hospital pharmacy). (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)
HOSPITAL PHARMACY WORK-BASED LEARNING (HPL448P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Philosophy of pharmaceutical care, health systems, managing drug supply, administration and management. Treatment plans. (Total tuition time: ± 36 hours)

INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY PRACTICE (IPP246P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
An overview of the pharmaceutical manufacturing facility and organisational layout. Planning for production. The manufacturing facility. The principles and practice of quality assurance, including good manufacturing practices and quality control. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY WORK-BASED LEARNING (IPL246P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Practical experience in aspects of the medicines regulatory process, production of pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical research and development, implementing good manufacturing procedures, quality assurance, personnel and business management, as well as the marketing and advertising of pharmaceuticals. (Total tuition time: ± 36 hours)

INTRODUCTION TO BIOPHARMACEUTICS, PHARMACOKINETICS AND PHARMACODYNAMICS (IBP145P)
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
An introduction to health-care interventions and biopharmaceutics (processes prior to drug administration), pharmacokinetics (processes that include drug absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion) and therapeutic drug monitoring and pharmacodynamics (drug action). (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

MICROORGANISMS, MAN AND MEDICINES (MMM145P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
A study of medically important micro-organisms, including bacteria, viruses, fungi, protozoa, helminths and arthropods. Biological and microbiological aspects of structure, growth, diagnosis, virulence, pathogenesis, sensitivity, resistance and transmission. An introduction to the body’s defences against infection, including the lymphatic system, cells of the immune system and inflammatory and hypersensitivity reactions. Additional agents used in infections. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN HEALTH CARE (MTH347P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Principles of molecular biology, the principles, methods and products of biotechnology, such as fermentation, recombinant DNA technology, gene therapy and immunological assays as applied to the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of inherited and acquired diseases. Theory and practice of new drug delivery systems. The immune system response and host defence mechanisms, with particular reference to diseases that can be prevented through immunisation. The principles and production of vaccines, antisera, immunoglobulins and the principles of hybridisation technology. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

NEUROLOGICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACY (NPP448P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
An integrated study of the basic anatomy and physiology of the brain and nervous system. The module includes the pathophysiology of the major disorders affecting the central nervous system, with the emphasis on the pharmacology of appropriate therapeutic agents. Substance abuse, anaesthetics and pain management are also covered. (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)

NEUROMUSCULAR AND SKELETAL SYSTEMS, SKIN, INFLAMMATION AND PAIN MANAGEMENT (NSS347P)
(Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
An integrated study of the anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy of the skeletal, neuromuscular systems and skin. The module also includes wounds and dressings. Emphasis is placed on the pharmacology of therapeutic agents used to treat disorders of these systems. (Total tuition time: ± 108 hours)
### NUTRITION AND GASTROENTEROLOGY (NAG145P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

An anatomical and physiological overview of the liver and gastro-intestinal tract and their innervation, with particular emphasis on the absorption and metabolism of nutrients and drugs. Major problems of nutrition and metabolic or chronic disorders in which nutrition plays a pivotal role will be addressed, including diabetes, obesity, eating disorders, malabsorption, alcohol abuse and pancreatitis. The identification of the presence of risk factors for malnutrition. The chemistry, pharmaceutics and pharmacology of drugs affecting the gastro-intestinal tract and drugs used to treat common GI problems. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

### ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN SOUTH AFRICA (OPP145P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Introduce students to the institution, acquainting them with the administration, student and general organisations and campus layout. Personal development by prompting students’ social skills, academic skills, computer literacy, proficiency in English. Introduce students to Problem Based Learning (PBL) method. Provide an overview of the nature and ethos of the pharmacy profession. National Drug Policy, selection, procurement, distribution, cold chain management. Applicable legislation. Drug information and rational drug use. Essential Medicines List and treatment protocols. Medicines pricing. Ethics. Good Pharmacy practice. Interaction with other health-care professionals. (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)

### PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WORK-BASED LEARNING (PHL246P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Practical experience in aspects of pharmaceutical and related services at Primary Health Care level. (Total tuition time: ± 72 hours)

### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING: MEDICINES PRODUCTION ON THE LARGE SCALE (PPP246P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

An overview of the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals. Physical, chemical and pharmaceutical principles in the production, packaging and labelling of pharmaceutical products. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)

### RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, EAR AND EYE (RSE246P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

The structure and functioning of the respiratory system, ear and eye. The role of the nervous system in controlling the functioning of the respiratory system, ear and eye. Important disorders of the respiratory system, ear and eye and their prevention, non-pharmacological and pharmacological management. (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)

### SPECIALISED PHARMACY AND HOSPITAL PHARMACY PRACTICE (SPH448P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Major managerial and clinical areas of pharmacy e.g. logistics and financial management, including cold chain management, standard operating procedures, control of bulk compounding and preparation of sterile products, pharmacy and therapeutic committees, pharmacoeconomics in drug selection, drug information, infection control, clinical nutrition, (parenteral and enteral feeding and stoma care), oncology, radiopharmacy and radioisotopes, transplants and related drug therapy, handling of pharmaceutical waste, the role of the consultant pharmacist. (Total tuition time: ± 126 hours)

### STERILE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (SPP347P) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*Module custodian: Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

An overview of the manufacturing of sterile pharmaceutical products. Sterilisation. The control of contamination. The manufacturing of sterile pharmaceutical products. The principles and practice of quality assurance, including good manufacturing practices and quality control, as applied to sterile pharmaceutical products. (Total tuition time: ± 72 hours)