

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL ASSISTING

Qualification code: HCDA01 - NQF Level 5 (120 credits)

SAQA ID: 73492, CHE NUMBER: H16/2519/HEQSF

Campus where offered: Pretoria 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 an equivalent qualification with a D symbol at standard grade for English.

Recommended subject(s):

Biology, Mathematics, Physical Science and Physiology.

Selection criteria:

Assessment is based on a TUT potential assessment and a personal interview.

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

Admission requirement(s):

A National Senior Certificate with higher certificate endorsement, or an equivalent qualification, with an achievement level of at least 4 for English (home language or first additional language).

Selection criteria:

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least 23.

Assessment procedures:

- Applicants with an APS of at least 23 will be invited for a potential assessment and an interview with the departmental selection panel.
- Applicants with a minimum of two years' relevant working experience in the dental field or with a dental assisting qualification from another institution will also be considered, even if the APS is below 23, but not lower than 20.

b. *Minimum duration:*

One year.

c. *Presentation:*

One year full-time (day classes) or two years block-mode classes – only applicable to students already employed at a dental practice.

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. *Other requirements:*

A valid first-aid certificate. First-aid programmes are arranged by the University. Immunisation against Hepatitis B is compulsory.



- h. *Work-Integrated Learning:*
See Chapter 5 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- i. *Module credits:*
Module credits are shown in brackets after each module.

CURRICULUM

YEAR MODULES

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT
DAP105C	Dental Assisting Practical I	(5)	(21)
DPM105C	Dental Practice Management I	(5)	(21)
OAP105C	Oral Anatomy and Pathology I	(5)	(20)
TDA105C	Dental Assisting Theory: Dental Assisting I	(5)	(12)
TDR105C	Dental Assisting Theory: Dental Radiography I	(5)	(10)
WDA105C	Work-Integrated Learning	(5)	(36)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION:			120

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:

D

DENTAL ASSISTING PRACTICAL I (DAP105C) **PRACTICAL EVALUATION**
(Module/subject custodian: *Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences*)

General orientation and maintenance of the dental surgery, clinical asepsis, clinical dental disciplines, the processing of X-ray film, the preparation of dental materials. (Total tuition time: ± 110 hours)

DENTAL ASSISTING THEORY: DENTAL ASSISTING I (TDA105C) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module/subject custodian: *Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences*)

Dental terminology, disinfection and sterilisation, anesthetics, dental disciplines and dental materials. (Total tuition time: ± 80 hours)

DENTAL ASSISTING THEORY: DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY I (TDR105C) **1 X 2-HOUR PAPER**
(Module/subject custodian: *Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences*)

Basic principles of X-rays, principles of radiographic examination techniques and preventive methods. (Total tuition time: ± 80 hours)

DENTAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT I (DPM105C) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module/subject custodian: *Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences*)

Introduction to dentistry, working area, telephone technique, appointments, records and filing, mail, finance and dental stock, human relations, ethics and jurisprudence, introduction to computer literacy. (Total tuition time: ± 80 hours)

O

ORAL ANATOMY AND PATHOLOGY I (OAP105C) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module/subject custodian: *Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences*)

Anatomical landmarks in dentistry, salivary glands, muscles, blood and nerve supply, development of the face and oral cavity, oral microbiology, oral pathology, elementary pharmacology, clinical emergencies. (Total tuition time: ± 80 hours)



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WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (WDA105C)

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(Subject custodian: Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences)

Practical application in a work situation of theoretical subjects in the first year. (Total tuition time: ± 365 hours)

