

# HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL ASSISTING

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

SAQA ID: 97176, CHE NUMBER: H16/2519/HEQSF

Campus where offered: Pretoria Campus

### REMARKS

a. *Admission requirement(s) and selection criteria:*

Please take note that all completed applications received within the published due dates will be ranked. After consideration of the Departmental Student Enrolment Plan, only the top ranking applicants will be selected. Once a programme is full, a waiting list will be in place to provide an opportunity for applicants to fill places of those who did not register on time. Applicants will be informed of their status per official letter from the Office of the Registrar, alternatively, they can check their application status on the TUT website, [www.tut.ac.za](http://www.tut.ac.za).

• **APPLICANTS WITH A SENIOR CERTIFICATE OBTAINED BEFORE 2008:**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A Senior Certificate or an equivalent qualification, with a D symbol at standard grade or an E symbol at Higher 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.

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

**Admission requirement(s):**

A National Senior Certificate with a 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** (excluding Life Orientation).

**Assessment procedures:**

**For 2021:**

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

**As from 2022:**

- 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. *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:*

See Chapter 30 of Students' Rules and Regulations.

c. *Intake for the qualification:*

January only.



- d. **Presentation:**  
Day classes offered over one year or block mode classes offered over two years. Block-mode classes are only applicable to students already employed at a dental practice.
- e. **Minimum duration:**  
A minimum of one or two years (depending on the programme offering).
- f. **Exclusion and readmission:**  
See Chapter 2 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.

## 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:			<b>120</b>

## 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 module. At time of publication, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

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#### **DENTAL ASSISTING PRACTICAL I (DAP105C) PRACTICAL EVALUATION** (Module 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 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 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 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 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)

**W****WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (WDA105C)****WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING****(Module custodian: Department of Sport, Rehabilitation and Dental Sciences)**

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

