

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL ASSISTING

HCert (Dental Assisting) - NQF Level 5 (120 credits)

Qualification code: HCDA01

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.

• **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, or a D symbol at Standard Grade, or an E symbol at higher grade for Mathematics.

Recommended subject(s):

Biology, Mathematics, Physical Science and Physiology.

Selection criteria:

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

Selection criteria:

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **18**.

• **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), and 3 for Mathematics (or 4 for Mathematical Literacy), and 3 for any other additional subjects.

Selection criteria:

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **18** (excluding Life Orientation).

Assessment procedure(s):

- Applicants with a minimum of one year's relevant working experience as a Dental Assistant, with an Admission Point Score (APS) of 18 will also be considered.
- Applicants with a minimum of one year's relevant working experience as a Dental Assistant, with an Admission Point Score (APS) lower than 18 may also be admitted through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

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, 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:			120

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:

D

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 notional time: 210 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 notional time: 120 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 notional time: 100 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 notional time: 210 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 notional time: 200 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 notional time: 360 hours)

