

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

NQF Level 8

Course code: 01242133

Not being able to speak is devastating. It destroys the independence of those who experience it and puts them at great risk of being abused or neglected ... a silent victim is the perfect victim!

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) strategies play an important role in facilitating communication. A variety of AAC strategies are available, including unaided strategies which include the use of gestures, signing, pointing and facial expressions as well as aided strategies which employ both low- tech strategies such as communication boards and books to display objects, pictures, symbols or written words, and high-tech devices that generate speech output.

For whom is the degree intended?

The degree has been developed for teachers and therapists who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in the field of AAC. Requirements for prospective students to qualify for admission are that, prospective students need to have a relevant 3-year bachelor's degree, at an NQF level of 7, be working in the field of severe disabilities, and have Internet access at home (as educational material is primarily delivered online).

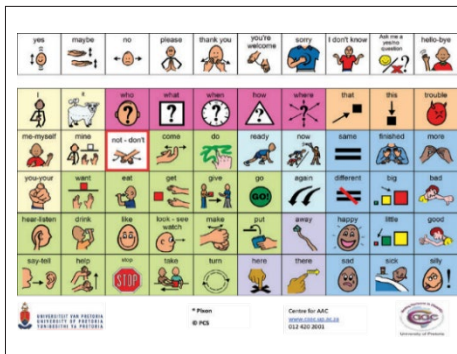
Degree structure

This is a one year part-time, blended learning degree programme (online and on-site contact sessions). Day-to-day communication is conducted via email.

Study guides and readings are available online as study aids. It is compulsory for students to attend the week-long contact sessions twice a year presented on the Hatfield Campus of the university.

Please note that contact with the programme manager is essential before application! Email saak@up.ac.za

Closing dates: International students need to apply by 30 September and SA students by 30 November of the year preceding the study.



Modules	Credits
AAK 718 Introduction to severe disabilities and AAC	30
AAK 702 AAC assessment procedures	20
AAK 703 AAC communication technology	15
AAK 715 Implementation of AAC	25
AAK 717 Research methodology	30
Total credits	120