

# Master of Arts in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (Coursework & Research)

**NQF Level 9**

**Course code: 01252135 (Research), 01252136 (Course work)**

**Are you involved in interventions with individuals with severe communication disabilities? Do you wish to gain more specialized knowledge and theoretical grounding in the field of AAC? If so, the Master's Degree in Augmentative and Alternative Communication is for you!**

## For whom is this degree intended?

This degree is intended for professionals who have a basic grounding in AAC, and who would like to become knowledgeable about AAC theory and research in order to apply it judiciously within their professional practice. Students get the opportunity to become familiar with the state of the science of AAC research and practice, and to reflect on and apply it critically within the South African context. They also get an opportunity to become knowledgeable about research methodologies and to contribute towards AAC research by conducting research on an AAC-related area of interest.



## Requirements for prospective students

To qualify for admission, prospective students are required to have a Bachelor's degree in Speech Language Therapy, BA(Hons) in AAC, or any other relevant Honours degree.

Candidates may be required to write an admission examination. Students must have full and consistent access to their own computers as well as broadband Internet and email facilities since educational material is primarily delivered online.

## Degree structure

This is a 2-year, blended learning degree programme (online and in situ contact sessions). It is compulsory for students to attend the week-long contact sessions arranged on the Hatfield Campus of the University twice each year. Students can choose between the research- oriented and course work-oriented options offered in this degree.

**Please note that contact with the programme manager is essential before application! Email [saak@up.ac.za](mailto: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.

Research option		Credits
AAK 890	Dissertation: AAC Students are required to complete a dissertation on a topic related to the field of AAC, selected in collaboration with supervisor(s).	180
Coursework option		Credits
AAK 811	Theoretical constructs in AAC	45
AAK 895	Mini-dissertation: AAC	90
AAK 812	Implementation science in AAC	45
Total credits		180