



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BDietetics (10139003)

Department Human Nutrition

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 548

NQF level 08

Programme information

The programme extends over four academic years during which period a student receives practical training as a student dietician at an institution or institutions approved for this purpose by the University.

After admission to the first year of study, each student in Dietetics must register as a student in Dietetics with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Students are required to complete at least four weeks applicable elective training (Code DTT 380) under the supervision of a dietician at an institution approved for this purpose by the University, after the first semester of the third year of study and prior to the commencement of the fourth year of study.

Note: Students who enrolled for the BDietetics degree programme prior to 2105 will complete the degree under the old curriculum. However, students who will have third-year status in 2020 will be transferred to the new curriculum.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; a candidate who is a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; and a candidate who is currently studying at a university.
- Admission to Health Sciences programmes is subject to a selection process.
- Grade 11 final examination results will be used for the conditional selection of prospective students.
- For selection purposes, the sum of the results in six subjects, including English, Mathematics and Physical Sciences, is calculated.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- **Candidates should note that their conditional admission will be revoked if their APS drops by more than two points in their final school examination results.**
- PLEASE NOTE that compliance with the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to any programme in this Faculty.
- Selection queries may be directed to [click here](#)
- A student who is made an offer but does not accept it cannot defer the offer and must reapply to be considered in the following year.



Transferring students (university experience)

- The applications of students who are studying towards a tertiary qualification or have obtained a tertiary qualification must meet the following requirements regarding school subjects and performance levels: They must be in possession of an NSC for degree studies/full exemption certificate and must have attained a performance level of 5 (or 50% HG if completed prior to 2009) for Mathematics and Physical Sciences (or Life Sciences, if required).
- If the subjects were not passed in Grade 12, the equivalent subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) must be completed at the tertiary level. University students do not have to submit any non-academic performance record or CV. In their case selection is based on the results attained in the qualification(s) previously completed, ie they will be considered on the basis of their results achieved in higher education.
- The completion of only a three-year diploma or certificate is not considered as university experience, but will be considered in the school-leaver category and admission will be based on the applicant's Grade 12 results.

Qualifications from countries other than South Africa

- A limited number of places are made available to citizens from countries other than South Africa, with those from SADC countries being given preference. Permanent residents of RSA are not categorised as foreign students. Applications from citizens from countries other than South Africa may also be considered if they are:
 - citizens or permanent residents of countries which have relevant government to government agreements with South Africa
 - asylum seekers or refugees

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Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home

Language or

English First

Additional

Language

		Mathematics		Physical Sciences		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
4	D	5	C	5	C	28

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. Students in the Cambridge system must offer both Physics AND Chemistry with performance at the level specified for NSC Physical Sciences in the table above.

* International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. Students in the IB system must offer both Physics AND Chemistry with performance at the level specified for NSC Physical Sciences in the table above.

Additional requirements

Also consult General Regulations.

Other programme-specific information

Exemption from the examination in (FAR) Pharmacology 381, 382

Exemption from the examination can be granted if a student who obtained a module mark of at least 60%, exercises the option to accept it as the final mark.



Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Each paper (Paper 1 and 2) of the written examination for Medical nutrition therapy 323, 411 and 480 (MNX 323, 411, 480) as well as the practical examination for MNX 411 must be passed individually with a subminimum of 40%.
 - ii. Each paper written for the second examination opportunity in Medical nutrition therapy 323, 411 and 480 (MNX 323, 411, 480) as well as the practical examination for MNX 411 (second examination opportunity) must be passed individually with a subminimum of 50%.
- In accordance with the stipulations of the General Regulations, no minimum year or semester mark is needed for admission to the examination, and all registered students are admitted to the examination automatically.
 - The final mark for a specific module in Nursing Science, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Occupational Therapy and Human Nutrition (at least 50% is required to pass) is calculated from the examination mark as well as the mark compiled from the evaluation of a student during continuous, objective and controlled assessment opportunities during the course of the quarter/semester/year. At least one formal assessment per module is set as the minimum norm, and students will be exposed on a continuous and regular basis to self-directed assignments in order to promote reflective learning.
 - In the case of modules with practical components, students are required to also comply with the applicable attendance requirements with regard to acquiring practical skills before a pass mark can be obtained for the module.
 - There are two main examination opportunities per annum, the first and second examination. In respect of first-semester modules, the first examination opportunity is in May/June and the second examination opportunity in July. In respect of second-semester modules, the first examination opportunity is in October/ November and the second examination opportunity in November/December of the same year. Where students need to work additional clinical hours to be allowed to do a second examination, the relevant head of department will determine the second examination opportunity.
 - Only two examination opportunities per module are allowed. If a student fails a module at the second examination opportunity, the module must be repeated.
 - A second examination opportunity in a module is granted to students in the following cases:
 - If a student obtains a final mark of less than 50% in the relevant module at the first examination opportunity and thus fails.
 - If a student does not obtain the subminimum in the examination, as required for a specific module.
 - If a student does not sit the examination in a module at the first examination opportunity due to illness or extraordinary circumstances.
 - Students intending to sit the second examination due to the reasons mentioned above, must register for the second examination opportunity 24 hours after the results have been made public.
 - If a student fails a module at the first examination opportunity, the examination mark obtained in the relevant module at the second examination opportunity will be calculated as the final mark. The marks obtained with continuous evaluation during the course of the quarter/semester/year will not be taken into calculation. If the student passes the module at the second examination opportunity, a maximum of 50% is awarded as a pass mark to the module in question.
 - If a student could not sit the examination in a module at the first examination opportunity due to illness or extraordinary circumstances, the continuous evaluation mark, together with the examination mark obtained in



the module in question at the second examination opportunity, will be calculated as the final mark obtained in the module.

- The School of Healthcare Sciences applies the General Regulations, according to which a student requiring a limited number of modules to complete his or her degree, may in terms of faculty regulations, be admitted to a special examination in the modules in question.

Promotion to next study year

- A student must pass in all the prescribed core modules of a specific year of study to be promoted to a subsequent year of study. A student can only be promoted to a subsequent year of study if the student has not failed more than two fundamental modules of seven weeks each per semester or one module of 14 weeks per semester. A non-negotiable prerequisite for admission to the final year of study is pass marks in all the core and fundamental modules of the preceding years of study. Refer to the programmes for fundamental modules in each discipline.
- A pass mark refers to a final mark of at least 50%.
- Modules with practical and clinical training credits cannot be passed unless all the prescribed clinical hours and practical activities have been completed to the satisfaction of the relevant head of department.
- The Chairperson of the examination moderating meeting may, after assessing the student's total profile, grant special approval to be promoted to the next year of study.
- The exception is the Department of Human Nutrition, where the regulations as applicable in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences regarding the modules presented by that Faculty, are relevant.
- Modules can only be taken in advance or repeated if it can be accommodated in the existing examination timetable.
- A student who must repeat a year of study may, with the approval of the Chairperson of the examination moderating meeting and the relevant head of department, be allowed to take fundamental modules of the subsequent year, if he/she complies with all the prerequisites for the relevant modules. No adjustment to existing timetables will be allowed.

The following fundamental modules are relevant:

- Department of Nursing Science: SLK 110, 120; FSG 251,252
- Department of Physiotherapy: SOH 254; FSG 251, 252, 261, 262; SLK 210, ANP 210; GMB 252, 253, 254; FAR 381, 382
- Department of Occupational Therapy: ZUL 110; SEP 110; SLK 210, 220; FSG 251, 252, 261, 262; ANP 210; RPD 481, GNK 286
- Department of Human Nutrition: BCM 251, 252, 261, 262; FAR 381, 382, VDS 322; VDB 321
- Department of Radiography: FSG 251, 252, 262; GNK 286; ANP 210.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Internship training (second semester of the final year of study)

The four compulsory semester modules (CNT 480, DTT 480, MNX 480 and FSS 480) jointly form the internship training and must be taken simultaneously.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained at least 75% in the following modules: CNT 411, 480 jointly, as well as MNX 411, 480 jointly, and FSS 480.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 100

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

General chemistry 117 (CMY 117) - Credits: 16.00

General chemistry 127 (CMY 127) - Credits: 16.00

Academic English for Health Sciences (BNurs, BDietetics, BOH, BOccTher, BRad and BPhysio) 121 (ELH 121) - Credits: 6.00

Academic English for Health Sciences 122 (ELH 122) - Credits: 6.00

Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111) - Credits: 16.00

Academic orientation 110 (UPO 110) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Dietetic profession 110 (DTT 110) - Credits: 6.00

Cultural eating patterns 122 (DTT 122) - Credits: 6.00

Physiology 161 (FSG 161) - Credits: 6.00

Physiology 162 (FSG 162) - Credits: 6.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 120 (IHL 120) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 132

Fundamental modules

Introduction to proteins and enzymes 251 (BCM 251) - Credits: 12.00

Carbohydrate metabolism 252 (BCM 252) - Credits: 12.00

Introductory biochemistry 257 (BCM 257) - Credits: 12.00

Physiology 251 (FSG 251) - Credits: 6.00

Physiology 252 (FSG 252) - Credits: 6.00

Core modules

Nutrition education 223 (DTT 223) - Credits: 12.00

Human nutrition 210 (HNT 210) - Credits: 20.00

Human nutrition 220 (HNT 220) - Credits: 20.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00

Basic food preparation and food preparation techniques 231 (VDS 231) - Credits: 12.00

Food commodities and preparation 232 (VDS 232) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 195

Fundamental modules

Pharmacology 381 (FAR 381) - Credits: 18.00

Core modules

Community nutrition 321 (CNT 321) - Credits: 10.00

Dietetic counselling 310 (DTT 310) - Credits: 20.00

Clinic and discussion class 320 (DTT 320) - Credits: 5.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 310 (IHL 310) - Credits: 8.00

Medical nutrition therapy 310 (MNX 310) - Credits: 9.00

Medical nutrition therapy 323 (MNX 323) - Credits: 28.00

Nutritional assessment 313 (NTA 313) - Credits: 30.00

Research methodology for healthcare sciences 300 (RHC 300) - Credits: 30.00

Food service management 321 (VDB 321) - Credits: 18.00

Large-scale food production 323 (VDS 323) - Credits: 19.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 121

Core modules

Community nutrition 411 (CNT 411) - Credits: 22.00

Internship training in community nutrition 480 (CNT 480) - Credits: 14.00

Dietetic profession 411 (DTT 411) - Credits: 3.00

Integration in dietetics 480 (DTT 480) - Credits: 5.00

Internship training in food service system management 480 (FSS 480) - Credits: 14.00

Advanced human nutrition 411 (HNT 411) - Credits: 10.00

Medical nutrition therapy 411 (MNX 411) - Credits: 25.00

Internship training in medical nutrition therapy 480 (MNX 480) - Credits: 18.00

Research in healthcare sciences 400 (RHC 400) - Credits: 10.00

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