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# Higher Certificate Sports Sciences

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The Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education requires full-time study for a period of one year.

The programme incorporates lectures, tutorials, research and practical sessions, and provides a basis for knowledge and skills development to improve athletes' performance by means of physical assessment, exercise and conditioning prescription.

Students are taught and trained by leaders in the field of sports science and coaching and will be given opportunities for practical training on the application of the sports coaching and sports science principles learnt in their theoretical lessons.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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## Career Opportunities

Sports coaching, sports and exercise industry

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## Programme Code

09110001



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## Closing Dates

- **SA** – 31/07/2021
  - **Non-SA** – 31/07/2021
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## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**.
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at [click here](#).
  - **Website:** [click here](#).
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

## Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, **or** was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is
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- applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application ) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
  - a certificate of good conduct.

**Note:** Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

### Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, **or** was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), **or** has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

**Note:** Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

### Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission to the Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education: Candidates who are in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate with university or diploma endorsement;

candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.

- Applicants who only obtained an admission to diploma studies endorsement for the NSC and who comply with all other admission requirements for this programme, may be considered for admission to the Higher Certificate only.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- As soon as candidates are admitted, they will be informed that they must register at the University in January of the following year. It is in the interest of prospective students, in particular those who need financial support and/or placement in a residence, to apply as soon as possible.
- All modules will be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

**University of Pretoria website:** [click here](#)

### **Minimum requirements**

#### **Achievement level**

#### **English Home Language or English First Additional Language**

#### **APS**

NSC/IEB

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### **\*Admission to BEd with a Higher Certificate in in Sports Science Education**

Applicants who only obtained an Admission to diploma studies endorsement after the final NSC or equivalent qualification, may be considered for admission to the BEd Senior Phase and FET Teaching degree (09133031), with specialisation in the elective combination of Human Movement Studies and Sport Management, if they complete the Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education successfully with a minimum cumulative weighted average of 60% (excluding JRC 150 (Sports Practical 150)). These applications will have to be approved Senate's discretionary via the Faculty Board.

### **Selection Process**

Applicants who indicate the Higher Certificate in Sports Science Education as their first- or second-choice will be considered.



Selection in the open category for this programme is based on the applicant's involvement in sport and their academic performance in Grade 11/NSC. For applications in the special and invited categories, additional considerations by TuksSport as described below are also taken into account.

Criteria considered/endorsed by TuksSport for selection for the Higher Certificate include:

- potential to make a positive contribution to team performance at the USSA Student National Championships;
- participation in the Varsity Sports SA competitions in a specific sporting code (in which UP competes);
- scarcity of athletes in the club for particular events or playing positions, for example the need for a sprinter, 400 m hurdler, goalkeeper, backstroke swimmer or wicketkeeper;
- projected long-term athlete involvement in the specific club;
- current position on the international rankings;
- ability to qualify for international competitions;
- current position on sports-specific SA Senior rankings; current position on sports-specific SA Junior rankings; and
- submission of an updated, detailed curriculum vitae.

It is the prerogative of the University and the Faculty of Education, in consultation with the Director of TuksSport, to select students on the recommendation of the club.

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## Duration of study

1 year, full-time.

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## Faculty Notes

The Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria continues to develop into one of the largest and most diverse units in South Africa for the initial and advanced training of education professionals from across the world. A distinguishing characteristic of the Faculty is that it not only trains pre-service teachers but also educational psychologists, principals, researchers, programme evaluators, curriculum designers, computer education and training experts, assessment specialists, education policy analysts, community development workers and education law advisors working in national and international agencies and organisations.



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## Enquiries about the programme

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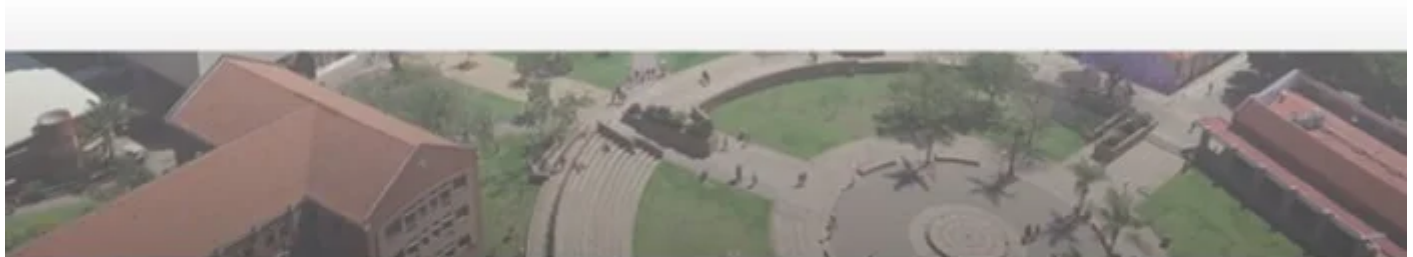
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## How to apply



# Online Application





Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

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