

University of KwaZulu-Natal

College of Health Sciences

Guidelines for Selection of students for Undergraduate Programmes in Health Sciences and Nursing:

The following basic principles will apply

- The College will fill 50% of its available spaces with applicants from the numerical equity target group (Africans).
- A total of 33% of the intake will be from Non Fee Paying Schools (Quintile 1, 2 and 3 schools).

1. Health Sciences programme:

Categorization and ranking of applicants:

1.1 NSC Applicants

- NSC applicants will make up seventy percent (70%) of available places.
- Points will be awarded for the top six NSC academic subjects.
- Allocation of places will be awarded on merit.
- Only candidates who sit for the Grade 12 examinations during the year of application as well as candidates who have completed their NSC up to two years previously, but have not studied at a tertiary institution will be considered as NSC applicants.

NSC rating scale:

Points	% obtained
8	90% to 100%
7	80% to 89%
6	70 % to 79%
5	60% to 69%
4	50% to 59%
3	40% to 49%

1.2 Degree Transfers Students: Students currently studying for a degree:

- Transfers will be accepted for thirteen percent (13%) of places in all disciplines.
- Transfers are only accepted from programmes from a recognised University.
- University of Technology and TVET Colleges undergraduate programmes would not be considered.
- Applicants must obtain the minimum NSC subject entry requirements for the qualification as per attached table (Table 1).
- Applicants who had supplementary exams in the course of their studies will not be accepted.

- The aggregate marks for all passed modules will be considered for ranking of applicants.
- All sections are ranked by academic merit.
- A minimum aggregate of 60% is required for acceptance in the programmes
- Augmented programmes would only be considered once two years of study is completed.

1.3 Mature applicants – Degree Complete:

- Mature applicant will be accepted for thirteen percent (13%) of places in all disciplines.
- Applicants should hold a completed qualification from a recognised University
- Undergraduate qualifications from Universities of Technology and TVET Colleges will not be considered.
- All applicants must meet the minimum National Senior Certificate / Matric requirements for the degree.
- Masters and Doctors degrees in health sciences related qualifications from a University of Technology would be eligible.
- Aggregate marks for all modules for the degree will be considered for ranking of applicants.
- All selections will be done on academic merit and ranked by qualification level with preference given to the highest qualification level.
- A minimum aggregate of 60% is required to be selected for all programmes.

1.4 International students:

- A maximum of four percent (4%) of available places in all the programmes.
- Only applicants with complete matriculation exemption will be considered.
- All selections will be done on academic merit.

Pre-selection process:

- Fifty percent (50%) of applicants will be pre-selected.
- Pre-selection will be undertaken in October of the preceding year based on grade 12 June examinations results.
- Only first to third choices of candidate will be taken into consideration.
- Provisional offers made in November will be honoured if the applicant maintains or improves their final NSC results.

Table 1: Minimum requirements for Health Sciences programmes:

Programme	Min Points (NCS/ Matric)	Subjects	Total seats 100%	NCS NFPS (Q1 –Q3) 33%	Transferring students 13%	Mature 13%	NSC Open. 37%	Internatio nal 4%
Audiology	30/36	NSC with Mathematics and Life Sciences/ Physical Sciences all at level 3 (40%) or Matric exemption with two of Life Sciences/Biology, Mathematics, Physical Science at 'E' HG/'D' SG.						
Speech Language Pathology	30/36	NSC with Mathematics and Life Science or Physical Science all at level 3 (40%) or Matric exemption with two of Life Sciences/Biology, Mathematics, Physical Science at 'E' HG/'D' SG						
Occupational Therapy	30/36	NSC with Mathematics and Life Sciences/ Physical Sciences all at level 3 (40%) or Matric exemption with Mathematics and Biology or Physical Science at 'E HG/'D' SG						
Sport Science	30/32	NSC with Mathematics Literacy or Mathematics all at level 3 (40%) or Matric exemption.						
Optometry	33/37	NSC with Mathematics and Life Sciences/Physical Sciences all at level 4 (50%) or Matric exemption with Mathematics and Biology or Physical Science all at 'E' HG/'D' SG						
Physiotherapy	30/36	NSC with Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences all at level 4 (50%) or Matric exemption with Mathematics and Biology and Physical Science al at 'E' HG/'D' SG						

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Pharmacy	30/36	NSC with Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences all at level 4 (50%) or Matric exemption with Mathematics and Biology and Physical Science at 'E' HG/'D' SG						
Dental Therapy	30/36	NSC with Life Sciences and Mathematics at level 3 (40%) or Matric exemption with Biology at 'D' HG/ 'C' SG						
All the above programmes require English (HL/FAL) and Life Orientation at level 4								

2. Nursing Programme:

- Acceptance into the Nursing Programme occurs on a competitive basis after ranking on academic merit.
- Applications will be considered from the 'NSC', 'mature' and 'international' categories.
- Points will be awarded for the top six NSC academic subjects.

NSC rating scale:

Points	% obtained
8	90% to 100%
7	80% to 89%
6	70% to 79%
5	60% to 69%
4	50% to 59%
3	40% to 49%

Categorization and ranking of applicants:

All NSC applicants are ranked in order of performance based on the points:

- English must have been passed with a minimum of 50%.
- Mathematics must have been passed with a minimum of 40%.
- The aggregate for all six subjects should not be less than 60%.
- Life Orientation is not included in the ranking of applicants, but must have been passed with a minimum of 50%.
- Mathematics paper 3 will not be substituted for Mathematics and does not count as one of the six subjects for ranking.
- Preference will be given to students who request Nursing as their 1st choice.

For all 'Mature' applicants the following will apply:

- Mature applicants are students who were registered students at other institutions and must provide a certified copy of their full academic record and certificate of good conduct.
- The basic requirements for the NSC will apply.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have completed their qualification.
- Further preference will be given to those students who have successfully completed courses with not less than 55% pass mark.
- All applicants will be ranked based on academic merit, taking the aggregate of all modules into account.
- International applicants will include non-South African nationals and refugees.
- International applicants must comply with the minimum requirements of the matriculation board for Higher Education South Africa (HESA) for admission to a South African university degree programme, i.e. applicants must have passed matriculation subjects.

Selection composition:

A total intake will be constituted as follow:

- Thirty three percent (33%) of the applicants will be selected from Non Fee Paying Schools (Q1-Q3)
- Twenty percent of places will be reserved for ‘mature’ applicants.
- Five percent of places will be reserved for International applicants.
- The remainder of the places will be allocated to NSC applicants.
- Where a specific target cannot be filled the available places will be filled from the NSC category.

Table 2: Minimum requirements and number of applicants admitted per Nursing programme:

Programme	Min Pts	Subjects	Total seats 100%	NCS NFPS (Q1-Q3) 33%	Mature 20%	NSC Open. 42%	International 5%
Nursing	30	NSC with English (HL/FAL) at level 4 (minimum 50%), Mathematics or Mathematics Literacy at level 3 (minimum 40%) and or Matric exemption with English ‘D’HG.					

D: Basic Requirements for BMdSc:

- Even if all minimum requirements are met, due to selection being based on academic excellence and the limited number of places available in the programme, acceptance into the programme occurs on a competitive basis after ranking on academic merit.
- Applications will be considered from the NSC category only.
- Points will be awarded for the top six NSC academic subjects.

NSC rating scale:

Points	% obtained
8	90% to 100%
7	80% to 89%
6	70% to 79%

5	60% to 69%
4	50% to 59%

Categorization and ranking of applicants:

All NSC applicants are ranked in order of performance based on the points:

- English must have been passed with a minimum of 50%.
- Mathematics must have been passed with a minimum of 50%.
- The aggregate for all six subjects should not be less than 60%.
- Life Orientation is not included in the ranking of applicants, but must have been passed with a minimum of 50%.
- Mathematics paper 3 will not be substituted for Mathematics and does not count as one of the six subjects for ranking.

Selection composition:

The total intake will be constituted as follow:

- Applications can be for majors in either Anatomy or Physiology.
- Thirty three percent (33%) of the applicant will be accepted from NFPS (Q1-Q3 Schools).
- Ten percent (10 %) of transfer applicants from Science Programmes will be accepted.
- The remainder of the places will be allocated to NSC applicants.
- Where a specific target cannot be filled the available places will be filled from the NSC category.

Table 3: Minimum requirements for BMdSc programme:

Programme	Min Pts	Subjects	Total seats 100%	NCS NFPS (Q1-Q3) 33%	Transfer Students 10%	NSC Open. 57%
BMedSc Anatomy	30	NSC with English (HL/FAL) at level 4 (minimum 50%), Mathematics and Life Sciences and Physical Sciences at level 4 (minimum 50%) or Matric exemption English 'D' HG with Life Sciences/Biology and Mathematics and Physical Science at 'E' HG/'D' SG.				