



B.Sc DIETETICS

DIVISION OF HUMAN NUTRITION FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

The B.Sc Dietetics degree is a **four-year full-time** programme. It is comprehensive, nationally and internationally relevant and aligned to the outcomes for registered dietitians as specified by the Professional Board for Dietetics within the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Students are trained and developed within a dynamic, integrated and professional environment and the training consists of a thorough theoretical component and a high-quality practical training component. Graduates of this degree are equipped to successfully practice as dietitians in any of the areas of dietetics and are afforded the skills to promote the nutritional health and wellbeing of human beings in all stages of the lifecycle.

The programme include **Community Nutrition**, **Food Service Administration** and **Therapeutic Nutrition** components. The degree is a selection programme, with 35 students being selected into the first study year each year. The B.Sc Dietetics programme is offered, in its entirety on the University's Tygerberg campus.

The language specification for the programme:

All concepts are conveyed in English during lectures, as well as clinical training, with the explanation of key concepts also done in Afrikaans.

Answers and questions during lectures and clinical training are dealt with in the student's language of preference (English or Afrikaans). If new concepts are introduced during a discussion in Afrikaans, this will also be repeated in English.

Tutorials/tutor-mentor sessions take place in English and/or Afrikaans, depending on the need.

Module frameworks, study guides and all assessments are available in both Afrikaans and English.

Graduates from this degree must complete a 1-year remunerated compulsory community service, as stipulated by the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Amendment Act, No. 89 (effective from 1 January 2003). Only after completion of this service are they eligible for full registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), allowing for independent practice.

Programme information

From Stellenbosch University Faculty Yearbook: Health Sciences 2021

http://www.sun.ac.za/english/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc={DECABB02-FB49-4BC8-9E49-D6316470CF02}&file=2021-FMHS-Calendar.pdf&action=default

(Annual changes occur in yearbook inscriptions: always consult the yearbook during the year of registration for up to date information)

Specific admission requirements

For admission to the programme, a student shall hold the National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university admission, endorsed by Umalusi, or an equivalent qualification with an aggregate of at least 50% (level 4), and with at least 50% (level 4) for **Mathematics**, **Physical Sciences** and **Life Sciences**.

Applicants are considered in the three different categories as set out below:

- * Current learners (grade 12) and applicants who have completed school
- * Registered students
- * Applicants with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience

Please note:

Students who fail the first year for two consecutive years will be subject to renewed selection.

On account of the outstanding merit of most applicants, satisfying the minimum entrance requirements is by no means a guarantee for successful selection.

Module outline and credit values

First year

Chemistry for Health Sciences	111(17)	Physiology (AHS)	278(26)
Medical Microbiology	142(7)	Nutritional Status Assessment	231(12)
Physiological Biochemistry	142(6)	Therapeutic Nutrition	244(10)
Nutrition	142 (20)	Applied Food Science	254(14)
Anatomy	151 (9)	Food Production and Systems	214(20)
Foods	144 (20)	Nutrition in the Life Cycle	214(15)
Life-forms and Functions of Clinical Importance	111(17)	Psychology for Health Sciences	242(7)
Health in Context	111(19)	Ethics and Human Rights	214(3)
		Practical Training	272(11)
		Community Nutrition	244(7)

Second year

Third year

Therapeutic Nutrition	378(35)	Research Methodology	478(16)
Community Nutrition	376(27)	Food Service Management	476(37)
Managerial Principles	377(18)	Therapeutic Nutrition	478(58)
Research Methodology	312(9)	Community Nutrition	478(37)
Biostatistics and Epidemiology	322(9)		
Ethics and Human Rights	341(4)		
Practical Training	374(22)		

Fourth year

Please note that **all modules are compulsory**.

Programme Costs

B.Sc Dietetics – 2021 Costs*

Approximate cost (Year 1 – 4): R53 776 per year

**Costs refer to approximate 2021 costs: for planning purposes allow an annual increase. (Costs subject to annual change without prior notice)*

Application

Please note that this is a **selection course** (only a limited number of students are selected annually) and applications close **30 June** of every year (for the following year). Selection for the programme is according to defined guidelines.

If you are interested you can apply electronically via www.maties.com or go directly to the following link: <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/apply/explore-your-options> or you can contact info@sun.ac.za for an application form.

Programme Enquiries

For more information visit our website at:

www.sun.ac.za/nutrition (Click on Education; Undergraduate)

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