



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 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 English and Afrikaans.

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 2022:

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/Current/MedicineAndHealthSciences.pdf>

(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

<i>First year</i>	<i>Second year</i>
Chemistry for Health Sciences Medical Microbiology Physiological Biochemistry Nutrients in Health Anatomy Introduction to Foods Human Physiology Becoming a Health Professional	Nutritional Status Assessment Therapeutic Nutrition Foods Food Production and Systems Nutrition in the Life Cycle Psychology for Health Sciences Ethics and Human Rights Community Nutrition Clinical Communication
<i>Third year</i>	<i>Fourth year</i>
Therapeutic Nutrition Community Nutrition Managerial Principles Research Methodology Biostatistics and Epidemiology Clinical Communication	Research Methodology Food Service Management Therapeutic Nutrition Community Nutrition

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

Programme Costs

B.Sc Dietetics – 2022 Costs*

Approximate cost (Year 1 – 4): R58 996 per year

**Costs refer to approximate 2022 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 **31 July** 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.

Applicants who fall into the category of ‘Current learners (grade 12) and Applicants who have completed school’, are selected on the basis of a Selection Factor (SF) that comprise of academic (Academic performance at school) merit as well as non-academic merit (Situational Judgement Tests). SJT’s are tests used to assess individuals’ reactions to a number of hypothetical role-relevant scenarios, which reflect situations they are likely to encounter in their target role as health professions students. The SJT’s is an online assessment that students should take before 31 July. Information is gathered by means of a structured online assessment.

Programme Enquiries

For more information visit our website at:

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

Or contact us direct:

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