



SCHOOL FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Department of Nutrition and Dietetics
Department of Optometry
Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences

SELECTION POLICY: 2018/19

1. PREMISES

The present selection policy can be summarised as follows

- (i) Any candidate may apply for admission to the first year of the following qualifications: BSc Dietetics, B Optometry and B Biokinetics qualifications (i.e. matriculants, school leavers, graduates and diplomates, as well as persons already studying for a degree).
- (ii) A holistic approach is important in the selection process, which is based on a points system that includes academic achievement, National Benchmark Test (NBT) (for senior students only a recommendation), cultural activities and sport.
- (iii) A definite effort is made to accommodate applicants from a disadvantaged educational background who display the necessary potential and a reasonable ability to attain success in their course, and to strive to be sensitive towards gender distribution in selection.
- (iv) Mainly South African students are selected for studies in Health Sciences due to the high costs involved in the training of students. Students enrolled in the School for Allied Health Professions are excluded from the Department of Health's policy agreement.
- (v) The following numbers serve as guideline for selection in order to achieve the final student numbers as indicated:

	SELECTED	ENVISIONED IN CLASS
Dietetics	45	35
Optometry	50	45
Biokinetics	50	40

2. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (i) A medical report to be completed by a medical practitioner, as well as the completion of a health questionnaire, are required from students.
- (ii) Immunisation requirements

The Faculty reserves the right to require further immunisation against illnesses at own discretion, before the student may be allowed to any academic year or semester during the course of his/her studies. Regarding the qualifications Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Biokinetics, Dietetics and Optometry, immunisation against Hepatitis B will take place during training and it is thus not necessary for the student to be immunised beforehand.

The School for Allied Health Professions follows the guidelines for immunisation as contained in the latest approved official policy document. The complete policy document is available from Undergraduate Student Administration, Faculty of Health Sciences.

(iii) HIV status

On behalf of the Faculty of Health Sciences the Faculty Management wishes to inform each student that, should his/her HIV status be positive, he/she should be aware before he/she takes up his/her selected position, that he/she will be exposed to patients with infective diseases, which could have an influence on his/her physical condition or status. In such cases, he/she will then be responsible for taking precautionary measures so that he/she does not become ill due to his/her positive status and exposure. It will be expected of all students to meet all rotation requirements of the qualification.

The medical reports of selected students will be sent to the various departments to ensure that the health condition of students does not withhold them from education and practising of the occupation for which they have been selected.

(iv) National Benchmark Tests (NBT)

It will be required of all new applicants, (except senior students) in the Faculty of Health Sciences to write the above tests.

The NBT will be considered during selection.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of all candidates is based on the following:

- (a) Admission mark (TP)*; (Minimum of 36, excluding Biokinetics and Dietetics with a required TP of 34)
- (b) Academic mark (AP)*;
- (c) Sciences mark (WP)*;
- (d) NBT tests (for senior students only a recommendation) and if necessary any other approved questionnaires and tests;
- (e) Selection mark (KP)*; and
- (f) Language of instruction (LP)*.

**Abbreviations as used in the selection process documents*

Additional approved questionnaires and tests can also be used to identify candidates with the necessary potential. If necessary, a panel from within the Faculty can conduct interviews with students in a further attempt to assess potential and personalities.

- (a) **Admission Mark (TP)** is calculated according to the compulsory subjects, i.e. language of instruction, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and/or Life Sciences, as well as Life Orientation and the best two (2) subjects of the "designated list" of school subjects passed to a total of 7 subjects. The subject Life Orientation with an achievement level of 5 or higher receives only one (1) TP point.

NSC; Achievement level	UFS Admission Point
7 (90% - 100%)	8
7 (80% - 89%)	7
6 (70% - 79%)	6
5 (60% - 69%)	5
4 (50% - 59%)	4
3 (40% - 49%)	3
2 (30% - 39%)	2

- (b) **Academic mark (AP)** is the average of the compulsory subjects, i.e. language of instruction, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and/or Life Sciences, Life Orientation (maximum 1 point) and the best two (2) subjects of the “designated list” of school subjects passed.
- (c) **Science Mark (WP)** is calculated by the average of the following, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and/or Life Sciences
The following minimum requirements are set:

BSc Dietetics

AP = 34

- Mathematics = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Physical Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Language of Instruction = Achievement level 5 (60%)

B Optometry

AP = 36

- Mathematics = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Physical Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Language of Instruction = Achievement level 5 (60%)

B Biokinetics

AP = 34

- Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)
- Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or Physical Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)
- Language of Instruction = Achievement level 5 (60%)

KP = 60% minimum – less than 60% student will not be accepted

- (d) **Selection mark (KP):** The maximum points to be attained by a student is 112 (academic achievement and non-academic activities in Grade 11 and 12). Of these points, 100 are allocated for academic achievement and a maximum of 8 for non-academic activities, a maximum of 8 for region of origin and 2 points for children of University staff or alumni.

As far as the additional 18 points marks outside the 100 academic marks of the total of 118 marks) are concerned, the following holds:

- (e) **Non-academic achievements**
- (i) A point is allocated for **non-academic achievements**, to a maximum allocation of eight (8) points (in Grade 11 and 12).

This point is based on achievements in the following categories:

- **Culture** (1-4) (differentiated between participation at school, provincial and national level);
- **Extracurricular activities** (1-4) (differentiated between participation at school, provincial and national level).

POINTS ARE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 = School
- 2 = Regional level
- 3 = Provincial level
- 4 = National and International level

- (ii) An additional point allocation in respect of **region of origin and attendance of a rural school** is done as follows (maximum allocation of 8 points):

- Free State: 6 points
 - Northern Cape and Eastern Cape: 3 points
 - Rest of regions in South Africa and outside South Africa: no points
 - Applicants from rural schools anywhere in South Africa earn an additional 2 points
- (iii) An additional maximum point allocation of 2 points for children of **alumni or current University of the Free State staff members**.
- (e) **NBT tests are compulsory for all applicants** except for senior students who have already obtained a degree NBT tests are a recommendation only.

4. SELECTION OF LEARNERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PASSED GRADE 12 AND ARE STUDYING AT A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION, AND GRADUATES

The Grade 12 marks attained by students who have already passed Grade 12 will be taken into account in addition to their post-school achievements at higher education institutions

Limited positions will be available for selection in this category.

NBT tests are compulsory for all applications, except for senior students who have already obtained a degree it is only a recommendation.

4.1 University students

4.1.1 Degree not yet obtained

For the selection of candidates who have completed one or more years of a qualification that does not fall within the Health Sciences, the following apply:

- (i) A candidate will qualify for selection if he/she obtains a minimum average of 65% for the completed year A student/candidate need to complete a full academic main stream year to be considered/finally selected.
- (ii) A candidate must have the minimum credits (full curriculum as set out in the regulations of the qualification) required to pass a year of any qualification.
- (iii) Preference will be given to students with an appropriate study field.
- (iv) Students must write the NBT tests.

4.1.2 Degree already obtained

Selection of students who have already obtained a degree will take place as follows:

- (i) Preference will be given to students with appropriate subjects with a minimum average of 65%.
- (ii) A candidate must have the minimum credits (full curriculum as set out in the regulations of the qualification) required to pass a year of any qualification.
- (iii) The qualification must have been completed in no longer than the allowed minimum period plus one year.
- (iv) The NBT tests are a recommendation.

4.2 University of Technology and other Higher Education Institutions

4.2.1 Degree/diploma not yet obtained

Selection of students from Universities of Technology and other higher education institutions will be done as follows:

- (i) A minimum average of 80% is required for completed modules.
- (ii) A candidate must have the minimum credits (full curriculum as set out in the regulations of the qualification) required to pass a year of any qualification.
- (iii) Preference will be given to students with an appropriate study field.
- (iv) Students must write the NBT.

4.2.2 Degree/diploma already obtained

- (i) Candidates with a BTech degree, a minimum average of 70% is required. A minimum average of 80% is required for other applicable diplomas.

- (ii) Preference will be given to students with an appropriate study field.
- (iii) The NBT tests are a recommendation.

5. NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS (NBT)

It will be required of all new applicants, except senior students in the Faculty of Health Sciences to write the above tests.

The NBT will be considered during selection and will contribute a total of 20% of the selection mark.

- (i) The NBT tests are valid for three years, but students are allowed to write only twice in each new year before or on the first Saturday of July of each year. The second NBT test must be written in total and all marks be resubmitted together with a motivation.
- (ii) Only the latest set of NBT results of each year will be accepted.

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