



## **POLICY: SELECTION FOR BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN NURSING (BSocSci (NURSING))**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Any candidate can apply for admission to the first year of the BSocSci (Nursing) programme. Prospective BSocSci (Nursing) students are subjected to selection due to the high demands of the profession and limited practical learning opportunities, specifically General rule A1, A2, A3 and rules V1 should be read in conjunction with the selection policy. Other UFS rules and policies should also be taken into account.

### **2. TARGET GROUP**

Selection Committee involved in the selection of prospective BSocSci (Nursing) students and prospective nursing students.

### **3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the policy is to serve as a guideline for the equitable and fair selection of prospective students.

### **4. OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS OF KEY CONCEPTS**

Selection is a process whereby prospective students are selected for admission to the BSocSci (Nursing) programme by means of a set of criteria.

### **5. PREMISES**

- 5.1 Matriculants, graduates and diplomates, and persons already studying for a degree/diploma may apply.
- 5.2 A hundred candidates will be selected (Eng/Afr). Further selection will be considered with the view to registering 100 students.
- 5.3 The maximum number of students is subject to the availability of clinical facilities.
- 5.4 **Only certified documents are accepted.**
- 5.5 A concerted effort is made to accommodate applicants from a disadvantaged academic background that meets the admission requirements.
- 5.1 A holistic approach is important in the selection process, of which academic achievement is a critical selection criterion.
- 5.2 Mainly South African students are selected for study in the programme.

## 6. SELECTION OF STUDENTS

### 6.1 Selection form

- A selection form must be submitted.
- A medical report to be completed by a medical practitioner, as well as the completion of a health questionnaire, are required from students.  
Medical reports will be taken into account by the selection committee to ensure that students are medically fit for nursing.

### 6.2 General

- All candidates must remember that if they are immune suppressed they should be aware, before taking up the selected places, that they will be exposed to patients with infective diseases, which might affect their illness. In these cases, it will be the students' responsibility to take the necessary precautions to prevent illness due to their exposure. All students will be expected to fulfil all the rotation requirements for the programme.

### 6.3 Selection of Grade 12 learners

#### 6.3.1 Selection up to and including 2008:

- An endorsed senior certificate with the required M-count of 28 [according to Regulation A3(b)] is tenable as admission.
- Prospective students should have matriculated with two of the following subjects: Biology, Mathematics, Commercial Mathematics, Physical Science, Physiology or Home Economics/Domestic Science.

#### 6.3.2 As of 2009, the following admission requirements for mainstream programmes will be applicable to the selection process:

- A minimum admission point (AP) of 30 is required.
- **The Admission Point (AP)** is calculated according to the following table: (The subject Life Orientation with an achievement level of 5 or higher receives only one (1) AP point)

NSC; Achievement level	
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

- A minimum achievement level is required for each of the following and is a compulsory prerequisite:
  - Language (English or Afrikaans) = achievement level 4
  - Mathematics = achievement level 3 **or**  
Mathematical literacy = achievement level 7

## **AND**

- Life sciences = achievement level 5 **or**  
Physical sciences = achievement level 4

Information technology **or** Computer applications technology is recommended.

### **6.4 Selection of Higher Education Institution candidates**

Limited positions will be available for selection in this category.

#### **(a) Degree/diploma not yet obtained**

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

- (i) A candidate will qualify for selection if he/she obtains a minimum average of 60% for the completed year, without failing a module(s).
- (ii) A candidate must have the minimum credits (full curriculum as set out in the rules of the programme) required to pass a year of any degree.
- (iii) Preference will be given to students with an appropriate study field.

#### **(b) Degree/diploma already obtained**

Selection of candidates who have already obtained a degree/diploma will be as follows:

- (i) Preference will be given to candidates with appropriate subjects.
- (ii) The programme must have been completed in no longer than the allowed minimum period.

#### **(c) Readmission**

General rules A1, A2, A3, A5(a) and rule V4 apply.

### **6.5 Selection of transfer students from other universities**

- If a nursing student studying at another university wishes to transfer to the University of the Free State, General rules A1, A2, A3, A8 and rule V4 apply.
- The progress of candidates who are already studying nursing at another university will determine the year of the UFS's BSocSci (Nursing) programme the student will be allowed in.
- A written request must be directed to the Programme Director.

### **6.6 Selection of International Students**

- South African students are selected for studies in nursing due to the high cost involved in the training of nursing students. Students from SADC countries will take precedence over other international candidates.

- Students must submit proof of a SAQA level 4 qualification and a letter from the Higher Education South African (HESA) Matriculation Board certifying the requirements for a conditional exemption have been met with the application for selection. General rule A2(a) applies.

## 7. CONCLUSION

At its own discretion, the Faculty reserves the right to require immunisation against diseases from time to time before admitting students to any further academic year or semester during their studies. As far as the BSocSci (Nursing) programme is concerned, immunisation against Hepatitis B is required beforehand and written proof needs to be provide at registration.

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