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UNDERGRADUATE RULES

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Student numbers should be indicated in ALL correspondence to the University. Ensure that all personal details are updated in case of any changes.

BACHELOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Abbreviation	BOccTher
Minimum period	4 years (full-time)
Code	BC843100
Qualification	Bachelor of Optometry
Abbreviation	BOptom
Minimum period	4 years (full-time)
Code	BC841300 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)
	BC841301 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
	BC841302 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)
Qualification	Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy
Abbreviation	BSc (Physiotherapy)
Minimum period	4 years (full-time)
Code	BC842000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2021)
	BC842001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2022 onwards)
	BC842002 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)
Qualification	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics
Abbreviation	BSc (Dietetics)
Minimum period	4 years (full- time)
Code	BC846000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2021)
	BC846001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
	BC846002 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)
Qualification	Bachelor of Biokinetics
Abbreviation	BBiok
Minimum period	4 years (full-time)
Code	BC844000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)
	BC844001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
Qualification	Bachelor of Sport Coaching
Abbreviation	BSportCoach
Minimum period	3 years (full-time)
Code	BC834000

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Refer to the University of the Free State (UFS) General Rules for the definition of terms to ensure clarity and uniform interpretation.

GENERAL ORIENTATION

Rules

Four sets of rules are applicable to all prospective and/or registered students, namely:

- UFS General Rules** for Undergraduate Qualifications, Postgraduate Diplomas, Bachelor Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees, Higher Doctorates, Honorary Degrees, and the Convocation of the UFS (defined as General Rules of the UFS from here on) are applicable to all faculties and consequently to the qualifications and programmes of this School as well. Unless otherwise specified, the General Rules regarding Bachelor's degree qualifications apply to the programmes set forth in this Rule Book.
- Faculty Rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences**, specifically applicable to each programme offered in the School, as set forth in this Rule Book.
- Faculty Rules of other UFS faculties**, specifically applicable to service modules included in each programme offered in the School, as set forth in the specific Faculty's Rule Book.
- Programme Rules**, specifically applicable to each programme offered in the School, as set forth in this Rule Book.

Regulations regarding the profession are also included in this Rule Book (where necessary).

Faculty and Programme Rules supersede the UFS General Rules, if specifically stated. If not specifically stated in the Faculty and Programme Rules, the UFS General Rules remain applicable.

Although the information in the Rule Book has been compiled as accurately as possible, the UFS accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies that may occur. The UFS General Rules, as amended from time to time, are applicable to the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. The Rule Book is a living document that can change regarding the aspects included in this Rule Book, as deemed necessary. It is the sole **responsibility of the student** to familiarise him-/herself with all the different sets of rules.

HOW TO USE THIS RULE BOOK

This Rule Book is arranged to help you understand the Faculty Rules related to becoming a student and being successful as a student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. The Rule Book also includes Programme Rules related to each of the academic programmes offered in the School.

FACULTY RULES

Application, Admission and Selection

To become a student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, you must be admitted to the University, be selected as a student in a programme presented in the School, and then register for the Bachelor's degree programme.

Closing Date for Applications

As prospective students in the Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are subject to **selection**, completed selection forms for application for admission for the following year must be submitted **before or on 31 May** for the Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Optometry programmes; and before or on **31 July** for the Dietetics, Biokinetics and Sport Coaching programmes. Students are advised to visit the UFS website at <http://www.ufs.ac.za/> for information on how to apply.

Rule HRS1.1: Admission requirements

To register as a student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, students must comply with the **UFS General Rules, Faculty Rules and Programme Rules** and must have been **selected** as a student for their chosen field of study within the School.

Further clarification

- Students wishing to study a professional programme in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are subject to selection as only a limited number of students can be accommodated in each profession each year.
- Students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must be selected for study before they may register as a student in a professional programme.
- Selection is based on academic potential, and the extent and level of activity prescribed by academic curricula.
- Other factors important in the selection policy include equity of potential, area of origin within the country and rural districts of South Africa.
- Students will not be allowed to apply for a different programme in the Faculty until they have completed the degree they registered for initially.
- Transport will be provided to training sites of the UFS in Bloemfontein and surrounding areas, including community-based education and interprofessional training rotations after students have signed the required indemnity documents. An annual fee will be charged to student accounts (FHS Academic Training Transport Levy). This annual fee makes provision for all transport costs over the years of training.
- Programmes have specific additional out-of-pocket expenses that are required for students to be able to complete their studies.

Selection

The following selection criteria apply for matriculants:

Bachelor of Biokinetics	<p>AP = 30</p> <p>National Senior Certificate</p> <p>English = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p> <p>Life Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%) and/or</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p>
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	<p>AP = 33</p> <p>Selection and National Senior Certificate</p> <p>English = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p> <p>Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p>
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics	<p>AP = 33</p> <p>National Senior Certificate</p> <p>English = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p> <p>Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p>
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	<p>AP = 33</p> <p>National Senior Certificate</p> <p>English = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p> <p>Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p>
Bachelor of Optometry	<p>AP = 33</p> <p>National Senior Certificate</p> <p>English = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)</p> <p>Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)</p>
Bachelor of Sport Coaching	<p>AP = 30</p> <p>National Senior Certificate or National Certificate (Vocational English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 4 (50%))</p> <p>Further recommendations:</p> <p>Mathematics = Achievement level 3 (40%) OR Mathematical Literacy = Achievement level 6 (70%)</p> <p>Physical Sciences = Achievement level 3 (40%) AND/OR Life Sciences = Achievement level 3 (40%)</p>

Students with an NSC (vocational) are not considered for selection, except for the Bachelor of Sport Coaching programme.

The following selection criteria apply for senior students:

- (a) An applicant will qualify for selection if he/she obtains a minimum average of 65% (calculated over all study year(s)) in an accredited degree programme (or 80% in an accredited diploma programme at a University of Technology or other Higher Education Institutions), excluding the B Sport Coaching programme. For the B Sport Coaching programme, a minimum average of 60% (calculated over all study year(s)) in an accredited degree programme (or 75% in an accredited diploma programme at a University of Technology or other Higher Education Institutions) is required.
- (b) An applicant needs to be enrolled for a minimum of 120 credits for the specific academic year to be considered for selection.
- (c) Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in a related study field.

Rule HRS1.2: Admission of undergraduate students from other universities

- (a) A student who was registered for BSc (Dietetics), BOccTher, BOptom, BSc (Physiotherapy), BBiok, BSportCoach or a similar programme at another university and who is not admitted to study further in the relevant programme at that University, will not be allowed to study in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at this University.
- (b) A student who wishes to transfer from another university and study at the UFS will be allowed to do so at the end of the first or second year of study, provided that the programmes and modules are comparable. The particular University concerned must provide the prerequisite credits and outcomes. The student will only be accepted if he or she is selected as a student in the relevant programme.

Registration

Rule HRS1.3: Registration for an academic programme

- (a) All programmes presented in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are **full-time** programmes with a structured curriculum. Students should register for all modules as included in the Programme Rules for each of the academic programmes presented in the School.
- (b) Students will not be allowed to register simultaneously for modules for qualification purposes in other faculties. If a student registers for other attendance modules of own choice, there will be no concessions from the registered programme regarding class attendance, tests and examinations (refer to UFS General Rules).
- (c) Procedures for the cancellation of registration as a student at the University of the Free State, as prescribed by the UFS General Rules, must be followed.

Rule HRS1.4: Registration for UFSS1504

- (a) The module UFSS1504 is a compulsory credit-bearing module for a first qualification or diploma qualification at the University of the Free State.
- (b) All students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must register for UFSS1504 in the first year of study.
- (c) Students must pass UFSS1504 to obtain their degree in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
- (d) Students who successfully complete UFSS1504 earn 16 credits in addition to the minimum number of required credits for the qualification for which they are registered.

Rule HRS1.5: Exemption from modules already passed

- (a) A student who has studied in another programme at the University or who has obtained another qualification at the University may be exempted from certain modules passed, provided he/she complies with the UFS General Rules.

Rule HRS1.6: Registration as a student with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and/or other professional associations

- (a) Except for the Bachelor of Sport Coaching, all students at the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are required to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as students in the profession for which they are studying.
- (b) Profession-specific registration with a professional association may be available for students in some programmes (see Programme Rules).

Class Attendance and Admission to an Assessment opportunity

Rule HRS1.7: Admission to an assessment opportunity

- (a) Students who attended less than 80% of the contact periods of a module or clinical residency will **not be permitted** to take part in the assessment at the end of the module or residency and will not be considered for a supplementary assessment opportunity.
- (b) As soon as an absentee rate of 20% has been reached, notwithstanding circumstances, a student will not be permitted to continue with classes or clinical fieldwork without the approval of the Head of the School.
- (c) Circumstances that will not be added to absenteeism include funerals (of close family members, providing a death certificate or funeral letter as proof) and medical certificates (up to a maximum of five (5) days).
- (d) Clinical hours related to absenteeism need to be completed before a student will be allowed into an assessment opportunity.

Assessment

Rule HRS1.8: Composition of module marks

A student's written, oral, clinical fieldwork and/or practical work conducted during the module may contribute to the module mark. Details of the composition of the module marks are included in the individual module guides.

Rule HRS1.9: Promotion system

No promotion system exists for modules at the undergraduate level in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Rule HRS1.10: Assessment system

To gain admission to the assessment opportunity during the mid/end-of-year examination, a minimum module mark of 40% is required for all modules in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (refer to Programme Rules for other requirements if applicable).

Rule HRS1.11: Examinations

- (a) There is only **one (1)** examination opportunity in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, namely the main mid/end-of-year examination. Supplementary examination opportunities can only be taken under special conditions (see UFS General Rules and/or Programme Rules).
- (b) Students who are more than 15 minutes late for an examination opportunity will not be allowed to take part in the examination.
- (c) Students can only qualify for participation in the **supplementary** mid/end-of-year examination if they have participated in and/or qualified for the main mid/end-of-year examination.
- (d) If students carry over modules from the previous year, there might be clashes on the UFS venue and examination timetable(s) between carried over and current modules. These students will only be permitted to sit **once** for carried-over modules during the **supplementary** mid/end-of-year examination. The onus is on the student to draw attention to such a clash by referring this to the Head of Department. Current modules **must** be written during the **main mid/end-of-year examination**.
- (e) The supplementary mid/end-of-year examination will take place after the main mid/end-of-year examination in the first and second semesters, according to the official UFS examination timetable.
- (f) **To pass a module, a student must achieve a minimum examination mark of 40% and a combined final mark of 50%** (refer to Programme Rules for sub-minimums, if applicable).
- (g) A student will not be allowed to repeat a module presented in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences more than once.
- (h) A student who is repeating his/her final year of study for the first time will be allowed a maximum of two assessment opportunities in the main mid/end-of-year examination.
- (i) Circumstances for consideration by the UFS examination division to qualify for the supplementary mid/end-of-year examination opportunity, will apply in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Rule HRS1.12: Qualifying for the supplementary examination

A student will qualify for a supplementary mid-year/end-of-year examination if:

- (a) A student will qualify for a supplementary examination opportunity if:

- i. The sub-minimum (see Programme Rules for sub-minimums) was met, and a final combined mark of 45% to 49% was obtained during the main mid/end-of-year examination.
 - ii. The sub-minimum (see Programme Rules for sub-minimums) was not met, but a final combined mark of 50% or above was obtained in the main mid/end-of-year examination.
- (b) The prescribed procedure of the UFS for the application for a supplementary examination should be followed, and applicable forms should be submitted as a valid reason for failing to utilise the main examination opportunity.
- i. The applicable UFS form E001 must be submitted to the UFS Examination division as well as the respective Head of Department **within 48 hours** after missing the main examination opportunity. No further opportunity exists for students who did not participate in the supplementary examination through this process.
- (c) All assessment components of a module must be completed in one assessment opportunity should a student be granted a supplementary assessment opportunity (refer to Programme Rules).
- (d) No supplementary examination opportunity exists to improve a student's final mark for modules that are presented in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
- (e) The supplementary examination opportunity occurs immediately after the main examination opportunity as per the official UFS examination timetable.
- (f) External assessors and moderators are used for exit-level examination. In addition to the criteria for qualifying for a supplementary examination, external assessors may motivate for a supplementary examination for a particular student in clinical/practical work and only be granted as part of the main assessment opportunity. This must be approved by the examination committee of the department and in collaboration with the Head of School.
- (g) External assessors and moderators may be used in other modules when required by the specific professional body of the HPCSA.

Rule HRS1.13: Calculation of marks

- (a) Both the module mark and the examination mark contribute to the final mark (refer to UFS General Rules, Faculty Rules, and Programme Rules).
- (b) Calculation of marks for students who qualify for the supplementary mid/end-of-year examination is calculated as for the main mid/end-of-year examination. A final mark of 50% is needed to pass the module.
- (c) For continuous assessment modules, a final mark of 50% should be achieved to pass the module. No supplementary examination is available for continuous assessment modules.

Pass Requirements and Progression

Rule HRS1.14: Pass requirements

- (a) A student must pass all the required modules of a particular year, as indicated in the Programme Rules, to progress to the next year of study.
- (b) To pass a module, a combined final mark of at least 50% must be obtained (refer to exceptions in specific Programme Rules).
- (c) Sub-minimums are prescribed for specific modules in the Programme Rules and should be met to pass that specific module.

Rule HRS1.15: Communication of examination results

Examination marks will be made available to students through PeopleSoft Gradebook.

No disclosure of marks or student information or students' performance will be discussed with parents or third parties without written permission of the student in order to protect personal information of the student.

Rule HRS1.16: Re-admission of students

For re-admission of students, the following applies, irrespective of the stipulations of the General Rules:

- (a) A student who failed 50% or more of the prescribed modules (excluding the Bachelor of Sport Coaching) in any applicable study year (except in the final year) will be excluded from the academic programme.
- (b) For the Bachelor of Sport Coaching programme, the progression rules, as stated in the UFS General Rules, are applicable.
- (c) A student who has already twice registered for a particular module and who still fails to comply with the pass requirements will

only be granted one further opportunity to re-register for the module based on exceptional merit – with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty in which the module is offered, and on the recommendation of the academic head of department and/or the programme director.

- (d) A student who fails the main mid-year or end-of-year examination at the end of his/her **first final year of study** will be allowed a maximum of two further main assessment opportunities.
- (e) If a student still fails to fulfil the requirements for the qualification after the two further main assessment opportunities, the student will be excluded from the academic programme.
- (f) Students who do not comply with the requirements of their programme for promotion to the following year of study but adhere to the requirements to repeat the study year, as stipulated within the respective programmes' progression rules, must inform the respective Head of Department in **writing**, no later than five (5) days after the final progression results have been announced if they would like to repeat the year.
- (g) Students who do not comply with the requirements of their programme for promotion to the following year of study and are excluded from the programme, as stipulated within the respective programmes' progression rules, may apply for re-admission to the programme, no later than five (5) days after the final progression results have been announced to the Faculty Student Administration. Such applications will be considered by the Faculty Re-admission Appeals Committee.
- (h) A student who repeats a year of study must repeat all the professional modules as well as modules not passed. (For those modules already passed, refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules).
- (i) A student who discontinued his/her studies **for a year or less** must apply to the Head of the School and the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences for re-admission into the programme.
- (j) A student who discontinues his/her studies **for more than a year** must:
 - Apply to the Head of the School and the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences for re-admission into the programme.
 - Complete a practical/clinical and selected profession-related competency exams successfully on the level of the last year completed, prior to re-admission.
- (k) A student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must complete the first three (3) years of study in a maximum of five (5) calendar years. Regarding the Sport Coaching programme, the qualification must be completed in a maximum of five (5) calendar years.

Rule HRS1.17: Application for a re-mark of examination scripts

- (a) Information regarding the procedure for the application for a re-mark of an examination answer script is available at the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration, Faculty of Health Sciences.
- (b) Students must adhere to the prescribed re-mark application procedures within five (5) days after the official announcement of the final examination results.
- (c) If the examination answer script was moderated, with the moderated mark available, a further re-mark will not be allowed.

Rule HRS1.18: Appeal against examination results

Information regarding the procedure for lodging an appeal against examination results is available at the office of the Deputy Director: Faculty Administration, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Students must adhere to the prescribed appeal procedures within five (5) days after the official announcement of the final examination results.

Plagiarism

Rule HRS1.19: Plagiarism

Students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must comply with the UFS Policy on Preventing and Dealing with Academic Writing Misconduct, as available on the UFS website.

Graduation

Rule HRS1.20: Qualification with distinction

- (a) Where a module system applies, a qualification is awarded with distinction if a final weighted average mark of 75% was obtained in each of the study years over the four (4) study years. No additional modules that do not form part of the curriculum will be included in the calculation.
- (b) The qualification had to be completed in the minimum residential period stipulated on the UFS PQM.
- (c) No module had been failed or repeated during the four (4) study years.

PROGRAMME RULES

Bachelor of Biokinetics

Rule HRS2.1a: BBiok curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)

Academic Plan Code: BC844000

Credits: 584

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Anatomy	ANBP1608 32C							
Motor Learning & Control	BIKL1508 32C							
Growth & Development	BIKG1508 32C							
Social Psychology	PSSO2614 16C							
Nutrition		NUTB1624 16C	NUTB2714 16C					
Human Physiology			PHBP2608 32C					
Sport Management & Healthcare Ethics			BIKM2614 16C					
Biomechanics			BIKB2614 16C					
Health Promotion & Wellness			BIKH2614 16C					
Exercise Physiology				BIKP2624 16C				
Musculo-skeletal Injuries & Rehabilitation				BIKI2724 16C	BIKI3808 32C			
Science of Coaching				BIKC2624 16C				
Baseline Measurement & Evaluation				BIKE2624 16C				
Sport Management & Biokinetics Practice				BIKM2624 16C				
Advanced Clinical Measurement & Evaluation					BIKE3708 32C			
Professional Internship (Workplace-based learning)					BIKP3708 32C		BIKP4800 48C	
Movement Development & Rehabilitation					BIKR3714 16C			
Health Promotion					BIKH3714 16C			
Exercise Science					BIKE3714 16C	BIKE3724 16C		
Research Methods					BIKR3804 16C			
Clinical Exercise Physiology & Management of Chronic Diseases							BIKC4808 32C	
Research Project							BIKR4804 16C	
Therapeutic Recreation								BIKT4722 8C
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in the relevant Rule Book of the first year of registration in a programme are applicable to students registered for academic plan code BC844000

Rule HRS2.1b: BBiok curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC844001

Credits: 525

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Anatomy	BMBO1508 32C							
Introduction to Biokinetics	BIKB1508 32C							
Psycho-Social Aspects of Physical Activity & Exercise		BISS1524 16C						
Being a Healthcare Professional	SHRS1500 6C							
Community Biokinetics	BKCB1500 6C		BKCB2600 6C					
Therapeutic Recreation	BIKT1504 16C							
Being a Healthcare Professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C					
Perceptual Motor Learning & Control			BIKL2613 12C					
Sport Nutrition	BISN1614 16C							
Biomechanics			BIKB2614 16C					
Wellness, Health Promotion & Disease Prevention			BIKH2614 16C				BIKH4813 12C	
Applied Exercise Physiology			BIKP2614 16C					
General and Systems Pathology			GENS1604 16C					
Applied Clinical Exercise Physiology				BIKP2624 16C				
Baseline Measurement & Evaluation				BIKE2623 12C				
Pharmacology for Physiotherapy				PHPT2720 5C				
Musculo-skeletal Injuries & Rehabilitation					BIKI3800 25C			
Advanced Clinical Measurement & Evaluation					BIKE3706 24C			
Clinical Exercise & Prescription					BIKS3708 32C			
Professional Internship (Workplace-based learning)					BIKP3709 36C		BIKP4800 48C	
Research Methods & Research in Biokinetics					BIKR3803 12C		BIKR4804 16C	
Being a Healthcare Researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Management of Chronic Diseases							BIKC4800 25C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Management & Biokinetics Practice								BIKM4824 16C
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in the relevant Rule Book of the first year of registration in a programme are applicable to students registered for academic plan code BC844001

Rule HRS2.2: Class attendance and admission to an assessment opportunity

- (a) Students who attended less than 80% of the contact periods of a module or clinical residency due to sport participation on institutional, national, or international level will **be permitted** to take part in the assessment at the end of the module or residency only if an average academic mark of 65% is maintained.
- (b) As soon as an absentee rate of 20% has been reached, a student will be permitted to continue with classes without the approval of the Head of the School, provided that this absentee rate was due to sport participation on institutional, national, and international level and an average academic mark of 65% is maintained.
- (c) The onus is on the student to provide such evidence before attending the sports event/competition. The official invitation/selection documentation must be submitted to the programme coordinator prior to the competition. Evidence of attendance must be submitted to the programme coordinator post-competition.

Rule HRS2.3: Pass requirements for the first year of study

- (a) A student may not carry over modules worth more than 32 credits (UFSS1504 excluded) to the second study year.
- (b) All first-year modules indicated in the semester guide are continuously evaluated, and an average module mark of at least 40% must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final examination.
- (c) A student repeating the first year of study must enrol for all the outstanding modules.

Rule HRS2.4: Pass requirements for the second year of study

- (a) A student may not carry over modules worth more than 32 credits to the third year of study if he/she has passed all the other prescribed examination modules of the first and second years of study. The module(s) carried over must be presented outside of the academic timetable of the department.
- (b) A student who, after two academic years, has not passed all the compulsory modules of the first academic year may be refused to continue further study in Biokinetics.
- (c) A student repeating the second year of study must present all the outstanding modules.

Rule HRS2.5: Pass requirements for the third year of study

- (a) A student may not carry over modules worth more than 16 credits to the fourth year of study if he/she has passed all the other prescribed examination modules of the first, second and third years of study. The module(s) carried over must be presented outside of the academic timetable of the department.
- (b) To pass, a subminimum of 45% is required in the written examination paper, with a final mark of at least 50% in each of the modules.
- (c) To pass BIKP3709, a minimum mark of 50% is required.
- (d) A repeating student in the third year of study must present all the outstanding modules.

Rule HRS2.6: Pass requirements for the fourth year of study

- (a) A student must pass all the compulsory modules of the fourth year of study to complete the qualification successfully.
- (b) To pass BIKP4800, a minimum mark of 50% is required in both of the assessments:
 - i. Oral examination.
 - ii. Practical examination

Rule HRS2.7: Repetition of the fourth year of study

A student who, during the final examination in the fourth year of study, did not pass all the modules must present all outstanding modules.

- (a) A student who, during the final examination in the fourth year of study, fails BIKP4800 (only oral and practical examinations) can be admitted to an oral and practical examination after six (6) months.
- (b) A student who fails BIKR4804 must complete a research project and present it for assessment after six (6) months.
- (c) If a student must repeat six months or a year, depending on the modules **failed** in the final year of study, the student should register for the following equivalent module codes, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year
BIKC4807	BIKC4817
BIKP4800	BIKP4810
BIKR4808	BIKR4818
BIKH4813	BIKH4813
BIKM4824	BIKM4814

Rule HRS2.8: Re-admission to the same study year

For re-admission to a study year, students must refer to Rule HRS1.16.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Rule HRS3.1: BOccTher curriculum

Academic Plan Code: BC843100

Credits: 540

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Occupational Therapy	OCTF1514 16C	OCTF1524 16C	OCTA2614 16C	OCTI2724 16C	OCTP3708 32C		OCTT4808 32C	
			OCTA2634 16C	OCTI2744 16C	OCTM3708 32C			
Clinical Occupational Therapy	OCTC1603 12C		OCTC2704 16C		OCTC3708 32C		OCTC4800 72C	
Research					OCTR3704 16C		OCTR4804 16C	
Anatomy	ANBO1608 32C							
Physiology			PHBO2614 16C	PHBO2624 16C				
Psychology		PSDE1624 16C	PSPA3714 16C	PSPE3724 16C				
Anthropology		ANTC1624 16C						
Technology & Activity	OCTA1504 16C		CNOT2614 16C					
Clinical Sciences				OCTS2722 8C	OCTS3704 16C			
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

Rule HRS3.2: Pass requirements for the first study year

- A student must pass OCTF1514, OCTF1524, OCTC1603, ANBO1608 and OCTA1504 to progress to the second study year.
- A subminimum of 45% (examination mark) is required for OCTC1603, OCTF1514, and OCTF1524.
- There is no examination for OCTA1504, but a system of continuous assessment according to work performed throughout the year by the student, as set out in the study guide. A final mark of 50% must be obtained to pass the module. No supplementary examination opportunity is available in OCTA1504 due to the continuous assessment structure.
- A student must pass ANTC1624 and PSDE1624 and may only transfer 16 credits to the second study year.
- A student repeating the first year of study must present all the outstanding modules (ANBO1608, OCTC1603, OCTF1514, OCTF1524 and OCTA1504).

Rule HRS3.3: Pass requirements for the second study year

- A student must pass PHBO2614, PHBO2624, OCTA2614, OCTA2634, OCTI2724, OCTI2744, OCTC2704, OCTS2722 and CNOT2614 to progress to the third study year.
- A subminimum of 45% (examination mark) is required for OCTA2614, OCTA2634, OCTI2724, OCTI2744 and OCTC2704.
- There is no examination for CNOT2614, but a system of continuous assessment according to work performed throughout the year by the student, as set out in the study guide. A final mark of 50% must be obtained to pass the module. No supplementary examination opportunity is available in CNOT2614 due to the continuous assessment structure.
- A student must pass PSPE3724 and PSPA3714 and may only transfer 16 credits over to the third study year.
- The modules carried over must be presented outside the academic timetable of the department of the third study year.

Rule HRS3.4: Pass requirements for the third study year

- A student must pass OCTP3708, OCTM3708, OCTC3708 and OCTR3704.
- There is no examination for OCTR3704, but a system of continuous assessment according to the work performed throughout the year by the student, as set out in the study guide. A final mark of 50% must be obtained to pass the module. No supplementary examination opportunity is available in OCTR3704 due to the continuous assessment structure.

- (c) A student may not carry any module from the first, second or third year over to the fourth year.
- (d) To pass OCTC3708, a student must:
 - i. Pass all three clinical fieldwork rotations with 50% to gain access to the examination.
 - ii. Obtain a final combined mark of 50% and have a module mark (predicate) of 50%.
 - iii. Obtain a subminimum of 45% (examination mark) for every section in OCTC3708.
 - iv. Obtain a combined examination mark of 50%.
 - v. Obtain a final combined mark of 50%.
- (e) To pass OCTS3704, a student must:
 - i. Pass both papers with a subminimum of 45% per paper.
 - ii. Obtain a combined examination mark of 50% for both papers.
- (f) Attendance of 100% is required in the clinical fieldwork module (OCTC3708).

Rule HRS3.5: Pass requirements for the fourth study year

- (a) A student must pass all prescribed modules of the fourth study year to obtain the qualification.
- (b) To pass OCTC4800, a student must:
 - i. Pass all three clinical fieldwork rotations with 50% to gain access to the examination.
 - ii. Have a module mark (predicate) of 50%.
 - iii. A subminimum of 45% (examination mark) is required for every section in OCTC4800.
 - iv. Obtain a combined examination mark of 50%.
 - v. Obtain a final combined mark of 50%.
- (c) To pass OCTT 4808, a student must:
 - i. Have a module mark of 45%.
 - ii. Pass each of the written papers with 45%.
 - iii. Obtain an examination mark of 50%.
 - iv. Obtain a final mark of 50%.
- (d) A student must adhere to the minimum requirements for elective residency as prescribed in the module guide of OCTC4800.
- (e) A final mark of 50% is required for OCTR4804.

Rule HRS3.6: Repetition of fourth study year

- (a) A student who does not pass OCTC4800 or OCTT4808, will not be considered for re-assessment **before** June of the next year. All the modules failed should be presented and assessed again.
- (b) If a student must repeat six months or a year, depending on the modules failed in the final year of study, the student should register for the following equivalent codes, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year
OCTC4800	OCTC4810
OCTT4808	OCRT4818
OCTR4804	OCRR4814

- (c) A student who fails OCTR4804 must prepare a research-related assignment and present it for assessment in June of the next year.
- (d) If a student fails an examination, he/she may report at only two further examination opportunities.
- (e) In exceptional cases, it may be recommended that a student be allowed to participate in a supplementary examination.

Bachelor of Sciences in Dietetics

Rule HRS4.1a: BSc (Dietetics) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)

Academic Plan Code: BC846000

Credits: 524

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Biophysics		MPDI1524 16C						
Biology		BLGY1683 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C							
	CHEM1501 4C							
Psychology				PSHT3724 16C				
Nutrition	NUTD1514 16C	NUTD1524 16C	NUTD2614 16C	NUTD2624 16C				
Foods	CNSF2614 16C	CNSF2624 16C						
Biochemistry			BOCH2614 16C					
Physiology			PHBD2608 32C					
Microbiology			MCBH2614 16C					
Molecular & Cell Biology of Humans			HMBG2614 16C					
Business Management			EBUS1614 16C					
Dietetic Service Learning		DETS1522 8C		DETS2622 8C		DETS3722 8C		
Community Nutrition					COMN3712 8C	COMN3724 16C	COMN4809 36C	
Therapeutic Nutrition				TNUT2724 16C	TNUT3734 16C	TNUT3724 16C	TNUT4800 48C	
Dietetics Research					DRES3704 16C		DRES4804 16C	
Food Service Management					FSMT3714 16C	FSMT3724 16C	FSMT4807 28C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in the relevant Rule Book of the first year of registration in a programme are applicable to students registered for academic plan code BC846000

Rule HRS4.1b: BSc (Dietetics) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC846001

Credits: 516

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Biology		BLGY1683 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C							
	CHEM1501 4C							
Nutrition	NUTD1514 16C	NUTD1524 16C	NUTD2614 16C	NUTD2624 16C				
Foods	CNSF2614 16C	CNSF2624 16C						
Being a Healthcare Professional	SHRS1500 6C							
Biochemistry			BOCH2614 16C					
Physiology			PHBD2608 32C					
Microbiology			MCBH2614 16C					
Molecular & Cell Biology of Humans			HMBG2614 16C					
Business Management	EBUS1614 16C							
Being a Healthcare Professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C					
Dietetic Service Learning		DETS1522 8C		DETS2622 8C		DETS3722 8C		
Community Nutrition					COMN3712 8C	COMN3724 16C	COMN4809 36C	
Therapeutic Nutrition				TNUT2724 16C	TNUT3734 16C	TNUT3724 16C	TNUT4800 48C	
Dietetics Research					DRES3704 16C		DRES4804 16C	
Being a Healthcare Researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Food Service Management					FSMT3714 16C	FSMT3724 16C	FSMT4807 28C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as included in this Rule Book are applicable to students that registered for the first time for academic plan code BC846001 in 2023

Rule HRS4.1c: BSc (Dietetics) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC846002

Credits: 534

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Biology		BLGY1683 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C							
	CHEM1501 4C							
Nutrition		NUTD1524 16C	NUTD2614 16C	NUTD2624 16C				
Integrated Professional Skills in Dietetics & Nutrition		ISDN1500 26C						
Food Science	SFPP2613 12C	SFPP1623 12C						
Being a Healthcare Professional		SHRS1500 6C						
Biochemistry			BOCH2614 16C					
Physiology				PHBD2608 32C				
Microbiology			MCBH2614 16C					
Molecular & Cell Biology of Humans			HMBG2614 16C					
Business Management	EBUS1614 16C							
Being a Healthcare Professional in South Africa				SHRS2600 6C				
Dietetic Service Learning		DETS1522 8C		DETS2620 6C		DETS3720 10C		
Community Nutrition					COMN3712 8C	COMN3724 16C	COMN4809 36C	
Therapeutic Nutrition				TNUT2724 16C	TNUT3734 16C	TNUT3724 16C	TNUT4800 48C	
Dietetics Research						DRES3704 16C	DRES4804 16C	
Being a Healthcare Researcher						SHRS3700 6C		
Food Service Management					FSMT3714 16C	FSMT3724 16C	FSMT4807 28C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum		UFSS1504 16C						

NOTE: Programme Rules as included in this Rule Book are applicable to students that registered for the first time for academic plan code BC846002 in 2025 as well as all students that need to repeat their first year of study in 2025 and registered for academic plan code BC864001 in 2024

Rule HRS4.2: Pass requirements for main mid/end-of-year examinations

- (a) To pass a written examination paper, a sub-minimum of 40% is required in all four years of study in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Rule HRS4.3: Pass requirements for the first year of study

- (a) To progress to the second year of study, a student must pass ISDN1500 and NUTD1524.
(b) A student may only carry over 32 credits (UFSS1504 excluded) to the second study year.

Rule HRS4.4: Pass requirements for the second year of study

- (a) To progress to the third year of study, a student must pass NUTD2614, NUTD2624 and TNUT2724.
- (b) A student may only carry over sixteen (16) credits to the third study year.
- (c) A student who repeats the second year of study may register for Food Service Management (FSMT3714 and FSMT3724), subject to the approval of the Head of the Department.

Rule HRS4.5: Pass requirements for the third year of study

- (a) A student must pass FSMT/FSME3714 in the first semester to be able to register for FSMT/FSME3724 in the second semester.
- (b) A student must pass all the modules of the third year of study to progress to the fourth year of study.

Rule HRS4.6: Pass requirements for the fourth year of study

- (a) A student must pass all the modules of the fourth year of study (refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules) to obtain the qualification.
- (b) To pass an examination in the fourth year of study, a sub-minimum of 40% is required in all examination components (i.e. oral, practical, and written examination).
- (c) A student who, in the final examination in the fourth year of study, does not meet the prescribed requirements may be allowed to sit for examination again after six months/one semester (in case one module must be repeated) or after 12 months/two semesters (in case more than one module must be repeated). Such a student must then register for the relevant module(s) failed in the final examination of the fourth year of study.
- (d) If a student must repeat six months or a year, depending on the modules failed in the final year of study, the student should register for the following equivalent codes, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year
COMN4809	COMN4819
TNUT4800	TNUT4810
DRES4804	DRES4814
FSMT4807	FSMT4817

Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy

Rule HRS5.1a: BSc (Physiotherapy) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2021)

Academic Plan Code: BC842000

Credits: 518

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Physics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1543 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C	CHEM1643 12C						
	CHEM1501 4C							
Anatomy	ANBP1608 32C							
Psychology		PSDE1624 16C		PSTH3724 16C				
Pharmacology			FRMB2612 8C	FRMB2622 8C				
Clinical Sciences for Physiotherapy					PTCS3704 16C			
Physiotherapy	PTBP1506 24C		PTBP2600 56C		PTAP3700 56C		PTIP4800 56C	
Physiology			PHBP2608 32C					
Physiotherapy Clinical Practice					PTCP3700 45C		PTCP4800 65C	
Physiotherapy Research Methodology					PTRM3704 16C			
Physiotherapy Research Practice							PTRP4804 16C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

Rule HRS5.1b: BSc (Physiotherapy) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2022 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC842001

Credits: 534

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Physics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1543 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C	CHEM1643 12C						
	CHEM1501 4C							
Anatomy	ANBP1608 32C							
Cellular, Molecular Biology & Histology for Physiotherapy	ANBP1611 4C							
Psychology		PSDE1624 16C						
Being a Healthcare Professional	SHRS1500 6C							
Pharmacology for Physiotherapy				PHPT2620 5C				
Being a Healthcare Professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C					
Clinical Sciences for Physiotherapy					PHCS3704 16C			
Physiotherapy	PHBP1500 26C		PHBP2600 56C		PHAP3700 56C		PHIP4800 30C	
Integrated Clinical Physiotherapy	PICP1501 4C		PICP2602 8C		PICP3702 8C		PICP4800 10C	
Physiology			PHBP2608 32C					
Being a Healthcare Researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Clinical Physiotherapy					PHCP3700 40C		PHCP4800 60C	
Physiotherapy Research					PTRM3700 18C		PTRP4800 17C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in this Rule Book is applicable to students that registered for the first time in the academic plan code BC842000 in 2022 or had to repeat their first year of study in 2022, as well as students registered for the first time in the programme for academic plan code BC842001 in 2023. Students that registered for academic plan code BC842000 in 2022 will be redirected to academic plan code BC842001 in 2023

Rule HRS5.1b: BSc (Physiotherapy) curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC842002

Credits: 526

Physics	PHYS153 3 12C	PHYS154 3 12C						
Chemistry	CHEM151 3 12C	CHEM16 43 12C						
Anatomy	ANBP1608 32C							

Cellular, Molecular Biology & Histology for Physiotherapy	ANBP16 11 4C				
Psychology				PSDE1 624 16C	
Being a Healthcare Professional	SHRS1500 6C				
Pharmacology for Physiotherapy				PHPT262 0 5C	
Being a Healthcare Professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C		
Clinical Sciences for Physiotherapy				PHCS3704 16C	
Physiotherapy	PHBP1500 26C	PHBP2600 56C	PHAP3700 56C	PHIP4800 30C	
Integrated Clinical Physiotherapy	PICP1501 4C	PICP2602 8C	PICP3702 8C	PICP4800 10C	
Physiology		PHBP2608 32C			
Being a Healthcare Researcher			SHRS3700 6C		
Clinical Physiotherapy			PHCP3700 40C	PHCP48 00 60C	
Physiotherapy Research			PTRM3700 18C	PTRP4800 17C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager				SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C				

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in this Rule Book is applicable to students that registered for the first time in the academic plan code BC842002 in 2025 or had to repeat their first year of study in 2025.

Rule HRS5.2: Pass requirements for first year of study

To progress to the second year of study, a student must pass ANBP1608 and PHBP1500.

- A student may carry over thirty-two (32) credits (excluding ANBP1608 and PHBP1500) to the second year of study. Only sixteen (16) credits per semester may be carried over.
- To pass PHBP1500:
 - a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, **and**
 - a mark of 50% is required in two of the three practical assessments, of which one should be Basic Principles:
 - Basic Principles.
 - Electrotherapy.
 - Massage.

Rule HRS5.3: Pass requirements for the second year of study

- Only sixteen (16) credits, which may include PICP2602, may be carried over to the third year of study, provided that the student has passed all the other prescribed modules of the first and second years of study. The module carried over must be presented outside of the academic timetable of the department.
- A student who, after two academic years, has not passed the full number of equivalent modules of the first academic year may be refused admission for further study in Physiotherapy.
- To pass PHBP2600
 - a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, and
 - a mark of 50% in two of the three practical assessments of which one should be Rehabilitation.
 - Rehabilitation
 - Electrotherapy
 - Massage

Rule HRS5.4: Pass requirements for the third year of study

- A student is promoted to the fourth year of study provided he/she has passed all the prescribed modules of the third year of study.

- (b) To pass PHAP3700, a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, with a final combined mark of at least 50%.
- (c) To pass PHCP3700, a final mark of 50% is required, calculated with a contribution of 40% from the module mark and 60% from the examination mark.
- (d) To pass PHCS3704, all continuous assessments must be completed, and a final combined mark of at least 50% must be obtained.
- (e) To pass PTRM3700, the student must achieve a final combined mark of 50% with a mark of at least 45% for **both** the *protocol presentation* and the protocol.
- (f) Should a student repeat the third year of study and have passed PTRM3700 but failed PHCP3700, and/or PHAP3700, the student will be allocated to a new research group.

Rule HRS5.5: Pass requirements for the fourth year of study

- (a) To pass PHIP4800, a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, with a final combined mark of at least 50%.
- (b) To pass PHCP4800, a final mark of 50% is required, calculated with a contribution of 40% from the module mark and 60% from the examination mark.
- (c) To pass PTRP4800, a final mark of 50% is required, with a mark of at least 45% for the research report (article format). Rule HRS5.6: Repetition of the fourth year of study
- (d) A student who fails PTRP4800 must write a protocol and hand it in before the end of May of the repetition period.
- (e) A student who, during the final examination in the fourth year of study, does not meet all the prescribed requirements can be admitted to a further final examination after six months. Such a student must register for one or more of the outstanding modules PICP4800, PHIP4800 and/or PHCP4800, and/or PTRP4800.
- (f) If a student fails two of the four fourth-year modules (PICP4800, PHIP4800, PHCP4800 and PTRP4800), he/she must repeat six months. Both modules will be repeated during these six months.
- (g) In the case of a student failing three or all four fourth-year modules, two modules will be repeated during the first six months and two modules during the second six months of the repetition year.
- (h) If a student must repeat six months or a year, depending on the modules failed in the final year of study, the student should register for the following equivalent codes, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year
PTRP4800	PTRP4810
PHIP4800	PHIP4810
PHCP4800	PHCP4810

Rule HRS5.7: Re-admission to the same study year

For re-admission to a study year, students must refer to Rule HRS1.16.

Bachelor of Optometry

Rule HRS6.1a: BOptom curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)

Academic Plan Code: BC841300

Credits 588

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Physical and Geometric Optics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1644 16C						
Basic Anatomy and Physiology	BMBO1508 32C							
Optometric Theory & Methods	OTMS1512 8C	OTMS1523 12C	OTMS2613 12C	OTMS2623 12C				
Ophthalmic Dispensing		OPHT1522 8C	OPHT2612 8C	OPHT2622 8C	OPHT3702 8C			
Introduction to Psychology	PSIN1514 16C							
General Pathology			GENA2612 8C	GENA2622 8C				
Ethics & Management Skills		ETHS1522 8C					ETHS4802 8C	
Ophthalmic & Visual Optics			PHYS2654 16C	PHYS2664 16C				
Applied Anatomy & Physiology			BMBO2608 32C					
Low Vision				LVIS2622 8C	LOVI3702 8C		LVIS4802 8C	
Environmental & Occupational Optometry			ENVO2612 8C					
Ocular Pathology					PATH3704 16C		PATH4802 8C	
General & Ocular Pharmacology					GOPH3704 16C			
Binocular Vision					BVIS3704 16C		BVIS4802 8C	
Optometry Research Skills					ORES3704 16C		ORES4802 8C	
Systems Pathology & Medical Microbiology					SYPM3704 16C			
Contact Lenses & Practice				CLNS2622 8C	CLNS3704 16C		CLNS4802 8C	
Clinical Optometry					CLPT3706 24C		COPT4800 72C	
Public Health				PUBH2622 8C	PHCR3704 16C			
Paediatric Optometry					PAED3702 8C		PAED4802 8C	
Neuro-Optometry							NOPT4804 16C	
Diagnostic Skills					DGNS3702 8C			
Clinical Medicine in Optometric Practice							CMED4802 8C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in the relevant Rule Book of the first year of registration in a programme are applicable to students registered for academic plan code BC841300

Rule HRS6.1b: BOptom curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC841301

Credits 536

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Physical & Geometric Optics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1644 16C						
Basic Anatomy & Physiology	BMBO1508 32C							
General & Systems Pathology	GENS1604 16C		GENS2611 4C					
Optometry Theory & Methods	OTMS1505 20C		OTMS2606 24C					
Being a healthcare profession	SHRS1500 6C							
Public Health & Ethical Practice		PUBH1521 4C	PUBH2612 8C					
Ophthalmic Optics		OPTC1522 8C						
Physiological Optics			PHOP2614 16C					
Ocular Anatomy & Physiology			OCAP2605 20C					
General & Ocular Pharmacology			GOPH2603 12C					
Medical Microbiology			MMIC2612 8C					
Being a healthcare professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C					
Ophthalmic Dispensing			OPHD2604 16C		OPHD3701 4C		OPHD4801 4C	
Diagnostic Skills				DGNS2721 4C	DGNS3702 8C			
Clinical & Community Optometry				CCOP2621 4C	CCOP3704 16C		CCOP4802 8C	
Ocular Pathology				PATH2722 8C	PATH3704 16C		PATH4804 16C	
Low Vision					LVIS3704 16C		LVIS4804 16C	
Binocular Vision					BVIS3704 16C			
Paediatric Optometry					PAED3704 16C			
Contact Lenses					CLNS3705 20C		CLNS4806 24C	
Research in Optometry					ORES3700 18C		ORES4800 18C	
Becoming a healthcare researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Paediatric & Binocular Optometry							PABV4806 24C	
Professional Development & Management in Optometry							PDMO4805 20C	
Becoming a healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in this Rule Book is applicable to students that registered for the first time in the academic plan code BC841301 in 2025 or had to repeat their first year of study in 2025.

Rule HRS6.1c: BOptom curriculum (for students with first registration in the programme from 2025 onwards)

Academic Plan Code: BC841302

Credits 520

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Physical & Geometric Optics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1664 16C						
Basic Anatomy & Physiology	BMBO1508 32C							
General & Systems Pathology	GENS1604 16C							
General & Systems Pathology (Haematology & Immunology)			GENS2611 4C					
Optometry Theory & Methods	OTMS1500 22C		OTMS2600 26C					
Being a healthcare profession	SHRS1500 6C							
Public Health & Ethical Practice		PUBH1521 4C	PUBH2612 8C					
Ophthalmic & Visual Optics		OPTC1522 8C						
Ocular Anatomy & Physiology			OCAP2605 20C					
General & Ocular Pharmacology			GOPH2603 12C					
Medical Microbiology			MMIC2612 8C					
Being a healthcare professional in South Africa			SHRS2600 6C					
Ophthalmic Dispensing			OPHD260520C		OPHD3701 4C		OPHD4801 4C	
Diagnostic Skills				DGNS2721 4C	DGNS3702 8C			
Clinical & Community Optometry				CCOP2621 4C	CCOP3704 16C		CCOP4804 16C	
Ocular Pathology				PATH2722 8C	PATH3704 16C		PATH4804 16C	
Low Vision					LVIS3704 16C		LVIS4804 16C	
Binocular Vision					BVIS3704 16C			
Paediatric Optometry					PAED3704 16C			
Contact Lenses					CLNS3705 20C		CLNS4806 24C	
Research in Optometry					ORES3704 16C		ORES4803 12C	
Becoming a healthcare researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Paediatric & Binocular Optometry							PABV4806 24C	
Professional Development & Management in Optometry							PDMO4803 12C	
Becoming a healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C							

NOTE: Programme Rules as contained in this Rule Book is applicable to students that registered for the first time in the academic plan code BC841302 in 2025 or had to repeat their first year of study in 2025.

Rule HRS6.2: Pass requirements for the final examinations

- (a) To pass a **written examination paper**:
 - i. A subminimum of 40% is required in the first year of study.
 - ii. A subminimum of 40% is required in the second year of study.
 - iii. A subminimum of 45% is required in the third year of study.
 - iv. A subminimum of 45% is required in the fourth year of study.
- (b) To pass a **practical and clinical examination**:
 - i. A subminimum of 50% is required in the first year of study.
 - ii. A subminimum of 50% is required in the second year of study.
 - iii. A subminimum of 50% is required in the third year of study.
 - iv. A subminimum of 50% is required in the fourth year of study.
- (c) To pass a module that has practical and written components, the student should meet the required subminimum for each component.
- (d) A student may qualify for the **supplementary examination opportunity** if:
 - i. The subminimum was met with a final combined mark of 45% to 49% during the main mid-year/end-of-year examination is obtained.
 - ii. The sub-minimum was not met with a final combined mark of 50% and the above is obtained.

Rule HRS6.3: Pass requirements for the first year of study

- (a) An average module mark of at least 40% of each module must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final mid-year or end-of-year examination.
- (b) A student must pass all the modules in the first year of study to progress to the second year of study.

Rule HRS6.4: Pass requirements for the second year of study

- (a) An average module mark of at least 40% must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final mid-year or end-of-year examination.
- (b) A student must pass all prescribed modules in the second year of study to progress to the third year of study.
- (c) To pass DGNS2721 and CCOP2621, students need to achieve a final mark of 50%. No supplementary examination opportunity is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for these modules.

Rule HRS6.5: Pass requirements for the third year of study

- (a) An average module mark of at least 45% must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final mid-year or end-of-year examination.
- (b) A student must pass all modules in the third year of study to progress to the fourth year of study.
- (c) To pass DGNS3702, students need to achieve a minimum mark of 50% in each of the diagnostic procedures throughout the year. No supplementary examination opportunity is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for this module.
- (d) To pass ORES3704/ORES3700, PHCR3704 and CCOP3704, students need to achieve a final mark of 50%. No supplementary examination opportunity is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for these modules.

Rule HRS6.6: Pass requirements for fourth year of study

- (a) A student must pass all the modules of the fourth year of study to complete the qualification successfully.
- (b) External assessors and moderators are used for the final examinations. Only on recommendation of external assessors/moderators, a re-assessment in a module may be granted as part of the first assessment opportunity, with a maximum of 50% awarded to pass that module.
- (c) To pass ORES4803, students need to achieve a final mark of 50%. No supplementary examination opportunity is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for these modules.

Rule HRS6.7: Repetition of the fourth year of study

- (a) A repeating final-year student should have 80% class attendance and 100% clinical and practical attendance to be permitted to the final examinations.
- (b) If a student failed more than 50% of the final year modules, the student must repeat the full year. For students who failed less than 50% of the final year modules, the student must repeat six months or a year. Depending on the modules **failed** in the

final year of study, the student should register for the following equivalent codes, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and failed the module in the previous year		Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and failed the module in the previous year
OPHD4801		OPHR4810
CCOP4802		CCOR4810
PATH4804		PATR4810
LVIS4804		LVIR4810
CLNS4806		CLNR4810
PABV4806		PABR4810

Bachelor of Sport Coaching

Rule HRS7.1: BSportCoach curriculum

Academic Plan Code: BC834000

Credits: 376

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Anatomy	SCAN1514 16C					
Coaching Environment	SCCE1512 8C					
Motor Control & Development	SCMC1514 16C					
Business Functions	EBUS1514 16C					
General Management		EBUS1624 16C				
Practice of Coaching		SCPC1522 8C				
Social Sciences of Sport		SCSS1524 16C				
Physiology		SCPH1524 16C				
Motor Control & Skill Acquisition		SCMC1622 8C				
Sport Analysis			SCSA2712 8C			
Biomechanics			SCBM2614 16C			
Sport Nutrition			SCSN2614 16C			
Entrepreneurship			EBUS2714 16C			
Small Business Management				ESBM2724 16C		
Coaching Science				SCSC2624 16C		SCSC3724 16C
Sport Law & Ethics				SCSL2722 8C		
Exercise Physiology				SCEP2624 16C		
Sport Vision				SCSV2622 8C		
Sport Injuries					SCSI3614 16C	
Coaching Pedagogy					SCCP3714 16C	
Sport Programme Design					SCPD3714 16C	
Research Methodology in Sport Coaching						SCRM3724 16C

Talent Identification			SCTI3622 8C
Practical			SCPR3708 32C
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C		

Rule HRS7.2: Class attendance and admission to an examination opportunity

- Students who attended **less than 80%** of the contact sessions (theory/practical/clinical) of a module due to sport participation on institutional, national or international level, will **be permitted** to take part in the assessment at the end of the module only if an average academic mark of 60% is maintained.
- As soon as an absentee rate of 20% has been reached, a student will be permitted to continue with classes without the approval of the Head of the School, provided that this absentee rate was due to sport participation on an institutional, national, and international level and an average academic mark of 60% is maintained.
- The onus is on the student to provide such evidence before attending the sports event/competition. The official invitation/selection documentation must be submitted to the programme coordinator prior to the competition. Evidence of attendance must be submitted to the programme coordinator post-competition.

Rule HRS7.3: Pass requirements for the first year of study

- To progress to the second year of study, a student must fulfil the progression rules as stipulated in the UFS General Rules.
- Prerequisite modules in the first year of study:
 - Physiology (SCPH1524) is a prerequisite for Exercise Physiology (SCEP2624).
- All first-year modules indicated in the semester guide are continuously evaluated, and an average module mark of at least 40% must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final examination.
- A student repeating the first year of study must enrol for all the outstanding modules.
- Progression rules pertaining to Business Functions (EBUS1514) and General Management (EBUS1624) modules will be applied according to the specific Faculty and departmental rules in which the module is presented.

Rule HRS7.4: Pass requirements for the second year of study

- To progress to the third year of study, a student must fulfil the progression rules as stipulated in the UFS General Rules.
- A student repeating the second year of study must enrol for all the outstanding modules.
- Progression rules pertaining to Sport Nutrition (SCSN2614), Sport Law and Ethics (SCSL2722), Sport Vision (SCSV2622), Entrepreneurship (EBUS2714) and Small Business Management (ESBM2724) modules will be applied according to the specific Faculty and Departmental rules in which the module is presented.

Rule HRS7.5: Pass requirements for the third year of study

- A student must pass all the compulsory modules of the third year of study to complete the qualification successfully.
- A student who, during the final examination in the third year of study, did not pass all the modules must enrol for all outstanding modules.
- To pass SCPR3708, a minimum mark of 50% is required in each of the three assessments respectively:
 - Oral examination.
 - Practical examination.
 - Portfolio of Evidence.

Rule HRS7.6: Repetition of the third year of study

- A student who, during the final examination in the third year of study, fails SCPR3708 (only oral and practical examinations) can be admitted to an oral and practical examination after six (6) months.
- If a student must repeat six months due to failing SCPR3708, the student should register for the following equivalent code, as indicated.

Original module code AND module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year
SCPR3708	SCPR3718

Rule HRS7.7: Re-admission to the same study year

For re-admission to a study year, students must refer to Rule HRS1.16.

POSTGRADUATE RULES

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MASTER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Academic programme	Abbreviation	Minimum duration
Master of Occupational Therapy	MOccTher	1 year
Master of Science in Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics)	1 year
Master of Nutrition	MNutr	1 year
Master of Science in Physiotherapy	MSc (Physiotherapy)	1 year
Master of Optometry	MOptom	1 year
Master of Biokinetics	MBiok	1 year

RULES: MASTER'S DEGREES

Three sets of rules are applicable to all prospective and/or registered students, namely:

- UFS General Rules** for Undergraduate Qualifications, Postgraduate Diplomas, Bachelor Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees, Higher Doctorates, Honorary Degrees, and the Convocation of the UFS (referred to as the General Rules of the UFS from here on) are applicable to all faculties and consequently to the qualifications and programmes of this School as well. Unless otherwise specified, the General Rules regarding Master's degree qualifications apply to the programmes set forth in this Rule Book.
- Faculty Rules**, specifically applicable to postgraduate programmes offered in this School, as set forth in this Rule Book.
- Programme Rules**, specifically applicable to each postgraduate programme offered in the School, as set forth in this Rule Book.

Students should, in addition to the rules stipulated above, also adhere to and follow the guidelines related to postgraduate studies in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

APPLICATION, SELECTION AND ADMISSION

All prospective postgraduate students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are subject to **selection**. Online applications for the following year must be submitted **before or on 30 September**. Only complete applications will be considered. Prospective students are encouraged to visit the UFS website at <http://www.ufs.ac.za/> for information on the online application process.

The number of postgraduate students selected is subject to the availability, capacity and/or areas of expertise of supervisors.

An applicant who is selected and admitted into a programme must register at the beginning of the next calendar year. If the student fails to register, he/she will need to reapply for the following year.

Rule HRP1.1: Admission requirements

Before a student may register for a Master's Degree in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, he/she must comply with the requirements and follow the processes as set out below.

- Be in possession of a relevant undergraduate bachelor's degree from this University or a cognate qualification from another university deemed equivalent.
- Obtained an average mark of 60% for the undergraduate Bachelor's degree (i.e., NQF level 8 qualification).
 - In a case where an average mark of 60% for the undergraduate Bachelor's degree was not obtained, proof of additional research-based learning and/or activity might be considered, e.g., publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- Be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) (for South African students), or be registered with an equivalent, accredited professional body in the country of origin and/or the country in which the research will be conducted for international students. This is not applicable to the Master's Degree programme in Nutrition.
- Successful completion of an English academic language proficiency test is not an admission requirement. However, based on the quality of written academic work submitted, a student may be referred for academic writing development if deemed necessary.
- A student may be required to enrol for additional modules relevant to the field of study as occasional study if deemed necessary.

Rule HRP1.2: Duration of the programme

- The Master's Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences extend over a minimum period of one year.
- Part-time studies are only allowed in extraordinary circumstances and on approval of the Head of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to the maximum duration of postgraduate studies at the University.

Rule HRP1.3: Research methodology

- A relevant research methodology module, bearing 20 non-funded credits, is presented as part of the Master's Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
- For the duration of a student's registration for a Master's Degree programme in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, compulsory, health-related research skills development sessions will be hosted.
- These sessions will offer just-in-time research skills development, and at least 80% attendance is required to submit for examination upon completion of the research project.
- Postgraduate students registering for the different programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences should register for the relevant research methodology module as indicated below.

Academic programme	Module code
Master of Occupational Therapy	MOTS7905
Master of Science in Dietetics	MRES7905
Master of Nutrition	MRES7905
Master of Science in Physiotherapy	PTMM7905
Master of Optometry	OPMS7902
Master of Biokinetics	BRES7905

Rule HRP1.4: Curricula

Students selected for Master's Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences should register for the relevant study and module codes per programme, as included below. All Master's Degrees listed are research-based.

Academic programme	Abbreviation	Programme code	Module code	Module credits
Master of Occupational Therapy	MOccTher	BC887000	MOTR8900	240 credits
Master of Science in Dietetics	MSc (Dietetics)	BC888000	MDTD8900	200 credits
Master of Nutrition	MNutr	BC888100	MNUD8900	240 credits
Master of Science in Physiotherapy	MSc (Physiotherapy)	BC883900	PTMD8900	240 credits
Master of Optometry	MOptom	BC880100	OPMS8900	180 credits
Master of Biokinetics	MBiok	BC880400	MRBK8900	180 credits

Rule HRP1.5: Progression Rules for Master's Degree programmes

- To register for the second year of study, a research proposal must have been approved by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences appointed evaluation committee.
- To register for the third year of study, final ethical approval for the research study must have been obtained.
- To register for the fourth year of study, data collection must be in progress and/or have been completed.
- Abeyance conditions are applied with the implementation of the progression rules.

Rule HRP1.6: Assessment

- Assessment of Master's Degree dissertations include:
 - Attendance of research skills development sessions and/or activities (refer to the applicable Faculty Rules).
 - The evaluation of the research protocol/proposal by a committee appointed by the Research Committee of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
 - Upon approval by the evaluation committee, the research protocol/proposal is submitted to the Health Sciences Research and Ethics Committee (HSREC) of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Free State, for approval.
 - The title of the study will be submitted to the Faculty Board only on the recommendation of the Faculty Management Committee.
 - The appointment of supervisor(s)/promotor(s) and assessors will be submitted to the Faculty Board only on the recommendation of the Faculty Management Committee.

- vi. On completion of the dissertation (which may take the form of a full research dissertation or interrelated, publishable manuscripts/published article(s) and on recommendation of the supervisor(s), the dissertation will be examined by two external assessors and one internal assessor.
- (b) Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to assessment of dissertations or publishable manuscripts/published articles.

Rule HRP1.7: Pass requirements

- (a) According to the stipulations of the General Rules of the UFS, all required modules must be passed to obtain a degree.
- (b) Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to passing a Master's Degree and/or obtaining a Master's Degree with distinction.

Rule HRP1.8: Plagiarism

Students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must comply with the UFS Policy on Preventing and Dealing with Academic Writing Misconduct, as available on the UFS website.

DOCTORAL QUALIFICATIONS

Academic programme	Abbreviation	Minimum duration
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	PhD (Dietetics)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition	PhD (in Nutrition)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Physiotherapy	PhD (in Physiotherapy)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy	PhD (in Occupational Therapy)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Biokinetics	PhD (in Biokinetics)	2 years

RULES: DOCTORAL DEGREES

Three sets of rules are applicable to all prospective and/or registered students, namely:

- UFS General Rules** for Undergraduate Qualifications, Postgraduate Diplomas, Bachelor Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees, Higher Doctorates, Honorary Degrees, and the Convocation of the UFS (referred to as the General Rules of the UFS from here on) are applicable to all faculties and consequently to the qualifications and programmes of this School as well. Unless otherwise specified, the General Rules regarding Doctoral Degree qualifications apply to the programmes set forth in this Rule Book.
- Faculty Rules**, specifically applicable to postgraduate programmes offered in the School, as set forth in this Rule Book.
- Programme Rules**, specifically applicable to each postgraduate programme offered in the School, as set forth in this Rule Book.

Students should, in addition to the rules stipulated above, also adhere to and follow the guidelines related to postgraduate studies in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

APPLICATION, SELECTION AND ADMISSION

All prospective postgraduate students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences are subject to **selection**. Online applications for the following year must be submitted **before or on 30 September**. Only complete applications will be considered. Prospective students are encouraged to visit the UFS website at <http://www.ufs.ac.za/> for information on the online application process.

The number of postgraduate students selected is subject to the availability, capacity and/or areas of expertise of supervisors.

An applicant who is selected and admitted into a programme must register at the beginning of the next calendar year. If the student fails to register, he/she will need to reapply for the following year.

Rule HRP2.1: Admission requirements

Before a student may register for a Doctoral Degree in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, he/she must comply with the requirements and follow the processes as set out below.

- Be in possession of a relevant Master's Degree from this University or a cognate qualification from another university deemed equivalent.
- Obtained an average mark of 65% for the Master's Degree (i.e., NQF level 9 qualification).
 - In a case where an average mark of 65% for the Master's Degree was not obtained, proof of additional research-based learning and/or activity might be considered, e.g., publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- Be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) (for South African students), or be registered with an equivalent, accredited professional body in the country of origin and/or the country in which the research will be conducted for international students. This is not applicable to the Doctoral Degree programme in Nutrition.
- Successful completion of an English academic language proficiency test is not an admission requirement. However, based on the quality of written academic work submitted, a student may be referred for academic writing development if deemed necessary.
- A student may be required to enrol for additional modules relevant to the field of study as occasional study if deemed necessary.

Rule HRP2.2: Duration of study

- (a) The Doctoral Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences extend over a minimum period of two years.
- (b) Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to the maximum duration of postgraduate studies at the University.

Rule HRP2.3: Research Skills Development

- (a) For the duration of a student's registration for a Doctoral Degree programme in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, compulsory, health-related research skills development sessions will be hosted.
- (b) These sessions will offer just-in-time research skills development, and at least 80% attendance is required to submit for examination upon completion of the research project.

Rule HRP2.4: Curricula

Students selected for Doctoral Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences should register for the relevant study and module codes per programme, as included below.

Academic programme	Abbreviation	Programme code	Module code	Module credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	PhD (Dietetics)	BC895500	PDET9100	360 credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition	PhD (in Nutrition)	BC895200	PNUT9100	360 credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Physiotherapy	PhD (in Physiotherapy)	BC895400	PTDP9100	360 credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy	PhD (in Occupational Therapy)	BC895300	PDOT9100	360 credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Biokinetics	PhD (in Biokinetics)	BC895400	DRBK9100	360 credits

Rule HRP2.5: Progression Rules for Doctoral Degree programmes

- (a) To register for the third year of study, a research proposal must have been approved by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences appointed evaluation committee.
- (b) To register for the fourth year of study, final ethical approval for the research study must have been obtained.
- (c) To register for the fifth year of study, data collection must be in progress and/or have been completed.
- (d) Abeyance conditions are applied with the implementation of the progression rules.

Rule HRP2.6: Assessment

- (a) Assessment of a Doctoral Degree thesis includes:
 - i. The evaluation of the research protocol/proposal by a committee appointed by the Research Committee of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
 - ii. Upon approval by the evaluation committee, the research protocol/proposal is submitted to the Health Sciences Research and Ethics Committee (HSREC) of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Free State, for approval.
 - iii. The title of the study will be submitted to the Faculty Board only on the recommendation of the Faculty Management Committee.
 - iv. The appointment of supervisor(s)/promotor(s) and assessors will be submitted to the Faculty Board only on the recommendation of the Faculty Management Committee.
 - v. On completion of the theses (which may take the form of a full thesis or interrelated, publishable manuscripts/published article(s) and on recommendation of the promotor(s), the thesis will be examined by two external assessors (of which one should be an international assessor) and one internal assessor.
- (b) Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to assessment of theses or publishable manuscripts/published articles.

Rule HRP2.7: Pass requirements

- (a) According to the stipulations of the General Rules of the UFS, all required modules must be passed to obtain a degree.
- (b) Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to passing a Doctoral Degree.

Rule HRP2.8: Plagiarism

Students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must comply with the UFS Policy on Preventing and Dealing with Academic Writing Misconduct, as available on the UFS website.