

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS (8231)**

### **J.10 ADMISSION**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree: **Bachelor of Science in Dietetics - BSc (Dietetics)**

#### **J.10.1 Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated from 2008**

- (a) The National Senior Certificate for Bachelor's Degree study plus a score of no less than 33 points calculated according to the University's approved points system, as well as the following specific subject requirements:
- level 4 (50-59%) in English (home or first additional language) and
  - level 3 (40-49%) in Another Language (home or first additional language) and
  - level 4 (50-59%) in Life Sciences and
  - level 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics or
  - level 6 (70-79%) in Mathematical Literacy

**OR**

- (b) A qualification or level of competence which the Senate of the University has deemed to be equivalent to the requirements stipulated in (a) above.

#### **J.10.2 Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated before 2008**

- (a) A Matriculation Exemption with the following subject requirements:
- HG (40%, E symbol) Mathematics or
  - SG (50%, D symbol) Mathematics and
  - HG (40%, E symbol) Biology or
  - SG (50%, D symbol) Biology or
  - HG (40%, E symbol) Physical Sciences or
  - SG (50%, D symbol) Physical Sciences

**OR**

- (b) A qualification or level of competence which the Senate of the University has deemed to be equivalent to the requirements stipulated in (a) above.

#### **J.10.3 Alternate admission**

Alternate admission does not apply to this programme.

### **J.11 SELECTION**

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

### **J.12 DURATION**

Unless Senate decides, otherwise the duration of the programme shall extend over four years full time.

## J.13 CURRICULUM

### J.13.1 Level 1

<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Alpha Code</b>	<b>Cred</b>
<b>Group 1</b>		
Computer Literacy 121	CCL121	5
Primary Health Care 122	HDP122	10
Medical Bioscience 121	MBS121	15
Chemistry 116 (N)	CHE116	15
Chemistry 126 (N)	CHM126	15
Life Sciences 141	LSC141	15
Nutrition 141	NUT141	10
Foods 114	HEC114	15
Dietetics Skills Practice 101	DIE101	10
<b>Group 2 (Select 1)</b>		
Eng for Educ Dev 111	EED111	10
Intro to Xhosa 001 (CHS) (Alternative If Exempted from EED)	XHO001	10
Intro to Afrikaans 001 (CHS) (Alternative If Exempted from EED)	AFR001	10
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>120</b>

### J.13.2 Level 2

<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Alpha Code</b>	<b>Cred</b>
Biotechnology 214	BTN214	20
Biotechnology 216	BTN216	20
Medical Bioscience 231	MBS231	20
Medical Bioscience 232	MBS232	20
Nutrition 211	NUT211	10
Nutrition 221	NUT221	10
Nutrition 223	NUT223	10
Meal Management 244	DIE244	5
Dietetics Skills Practice 201	DIE201	10
Interdisciplinary Health Promotion 211	IHP211	10
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>135</b>

### J.13.3 Level 3

<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Alpha Code</b>	<b>Cred</b>
Therapeutic Nutrition 316	DIE316	15
Therapeutic Nutrition 326	DIE326	15
Community Nutrition 312	DIE312	10
Community Nutrition 322	DIE322	10
Foodservice Management 313	DIE313	10
Foodservice Management 323	DIE323	10
Physiology 319	PSE319	5
Physiology 329	PSE329	5
Pharmacology 315 (CHS)	PCL315	10
Introduction to Research Methodology 317	DIE317	10
Nutrition Epidemiology 344	NUT344	10
Dietetics Skills Practice 301	DIE301	10
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>120</b>

### J.13.4 Level 4

<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Alpha Code</b>	<b>Cred</b>
Applied Therapeutic Nutrition 401	DIE401	35
Applied Community Nutrition 402	DIE402	30
Applied Foodservice Management 403	DIE403	25

Dietetics Research Project 404	DIE404	15
Dietetics Behavioural Science 414	DIE414	5
Statistics 501	STA501	15
Ethics and Practice Management for Dietetics 425	DIE425	10
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>135</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>510</b>

## **J.14 ASSESSMENT**

Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

## **J.15 PROMOTION RULES**

Unless Senate decides otherwise and subject to rule A.3.2.3:

### **J.15.1 Level 1**

Students need to complete all 1<sup>st</sup> Level modules successfully (120 credits) in order to promote to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level of study.

### **J.15.2 Level 2**

Students need to complete all 2<sup>nd</sup> Level modules successfully (255 credits) in order to promote to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level of study.

### **J.15.3 Level 3**

Students need to complete all 3<sup>rd</sup> Level modules successfully (375 credits) in order to promote to the 4<sup>th</sup> Level of study.

### **J.15.4 Level 4**

Students will complete the programme only when all required modules have been passed and 510 credit points have been obtained.

## **J.16 ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

### **J.16.1 Level 1**

**J.16.1.1** If a student does not promote to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level of study, the student may be allowed to register for 2<sup>nd</sup> Level modules to the value of 50 credits, provided that s/he has obtained at least 90 credits at 1<sup>st</sup> Level and that the pre-requisites listed in J.19 are met and there are no timetable clashes.

**J.16.1.2** If the student does not promote to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level of study as a result of failing only one module at the 1st Level, and if the student qualifies to register for the failed module as an associate student, the student will not be promoted to the next level, but may be allowed to register for all 2<sup>nd</sup> Level modules together with the failed module.

### **J.16.2 Level 2**

**J.16.2.1** If a student does not promote to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level of study, the student may be allowed to register for DIE317 and NUT344 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level, provided that s/he has completed all 1<sup>st</sup> Level modules and obtained at least 90 credits at 2<sup>nd</sup> Level and there are no timetable clashes.

**J.16.2.2** If the student does not promote to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level of study as a result of failing only one module at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level, and if the student qualifies to register for the failed module as an associate student, the student will not be promoted to the next level, but may be allowed to register for all 3<sup>rd</sup> Level modules together with the failed module.

### **J.16.3 Level 3**

If a student does not promote to the 4<sup>th</sup> Level of study, the student may be allowed to register for STA501, DIE414 and DIE425 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Level, provided that s/he has completed all 2<sup>nd</sup> Level modules and obtained at least 90 credits at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level and there are no timetable clashes.

## **J.17 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION**

**J.17.1** The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.3.2.3, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

**J.17.2** The following conditions will also apply to the renewal of registration in this programme:

**J.17.2.1** Where a student interrupted his/her studies for more than one academic year, and where the curriculum or module content has changed, the student will be expected to register for the additional module(s) or attend classes and write additional tests/assignments on work not covered during the student's time of study.

**J.17.2.2** Where a student interrupted his/her studies between third and fourth year of study for more than one academic year, such a student will be evaluated in order to assess his/her competency level.

**J.17.2.3** Where the student does not meet the competency level of a 4th year dietetics student, additional modules or assignments may be prescribed and the student's internship may be extended.

## **J.18 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME**

**J.18.1** Every dietetics student must, in accordance with the requirements of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, register as a dietetics student within two months after admission to the programme. Full particulars are available from the Department of Dietetics.

**J.18.2** Skills practice is included from the first year level. The fourth year consists of a full time internship in therapeutic nutrition, community nutrition and foodservice management.

**J.18.3** Persons, who in their opinion possess sufficient skills to meet the entry requirements at the appropriate NQF level, must apply to the Department of Dietetics for recognition of these qualifications.

**J.18.4** Except where otherwise indicated, modules in which a practical examination is taken require a sub-minimum of 40% in the practical part.

**J.18.5** Except where otherwise indicated a student shall obtain a sub-minimum of 40% in final examinations in order to pass a module.

**J.18.6** Students have to obtain a sub-minimum of 50% in both the continuous assessment and the examination component of professional practice modules on the fourth year level i.e. Therapeutic Nutrition 401, Community Nutrition 402, and Foodservice Management 403.

**J.18.7** In cases where a student did not promote to the next year level, students may be allowed to register for elective modules (outside of the Dietetics curriculum) of their choice to the value of 40 credits provided that there are no timetable clashes with the compulsory (Dietetics learning programme) modules and provided that the pre-requisites for the elective modules are met and there are no timetable clashes.

### **J.19 RESTRICTION ON CHOICE OF MODULES**

**J.19.1** Restriction on registration for senior modules is governed by the statement of skills required for modules identified in Column B below i.e. either the module or the competency it gives is recommended before doing the senior modules specified in the corresponding column A below.

**A**

BTN216  
BTN214  
MBS231 & MBS232  
PSE319 & PSE329

**B**

CHE116, CHM126 & LSC141  
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LSC141 & MBS121  
MBS231 & MBS232

**A**

DIE316 & DIE326  
DIE312 & DIE322  
DIE313 & DIE323

**B**

NUT211 & NUT221  
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**A**

DIE401  
DIE402  
DIE403  
DIE404

**B**

DIE316 & DIE326  
DIE312 & DIE322  
DIE313 & DIE323  
DIE317 & NUT344

**J.19.2** NUT211, NUT221 can only be taken with BTN216 and MBS231, MBS232 or if these modules have been completed in advance.

**J.19.3** PCL315 and PSE319, PSE329 shall only be taken simultaneously with Dietetics – DIE316 and DIE326; since they are coordinated modules.

**J.19.4** Dietetics Skills practice at each year level shall only be taken simultaneously with the Dietetics modules at that particular year level, as these are coordinated modules.