

Appendix 2**University of Cape Town
Faculty of Health Sciences****ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES****REQUIRED SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL-LEAVING LEVEL AND MINIMUM PERFORMANCE LEVELS TO BE CONSIDERED*****National Senior Certificate (NSC):*****For MBChB:**

- A pass in English (at Home or First Additional Language level) with at least 50%
- A pass in Mathematics with at least 50%
- A pass in Physical Sciences with at least 50%
- A minimum Admission Point Score (APS) of 420

For BSc Physiotherapy:

- A pass in English (at Home or First Additional Language level) with at least 50%
- A pass in Mathematics with at least 50%
- A pass in Physical Sciences OR Life Sciences with at least 50%
- A minimum APS of 340

For BSc Occupational Therapy, BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology:

- A pass in English (at Home or First Additional Language level) with at least 50%
- A pass in Mathematics at 50% OR Mathematics Literacy with at least 60%
- A pass in Physical Sciences OR Life Science with at least 50%
- A minimum APS of 340.

In each of the above, Biology may be substituted for Physics and Chemistry in the case of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Required performance levels may vary, depending on whether the applicant is a South African citizen or permanent resident or a SADC applicant.

NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS AND REQUIRED MINIMUM PERFORMANCE LEVELS

All applicants are required to write the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs), consisting of Academic Literacy (AL), Quantitative Literacy (QL) and Mathematics.

NBT results at the "basic" level are not acceptable for MBChB or BSc Physiotherapy. Applicants with such results who have applied to BSc Audiology, BSc Speech-Language

Pathology and BSc Occupational Therapy will be considered individually, on merit. The NBT levels are given below:

| Benchmark Performance Levels | AL | | QL | | MATHS | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum | Maximum | Minimum | Maximum | Minimum |
| Proficient Upper | 100 | 83 | 100 | 83 | 100 | 81 |
| Proficient Lower | 82 | 65 | 82 | 66 | 80 | 62 |
| Intermediate Upper | 64 | 53 | 65 | 52 | 61 | 48 |
| Intermediate Lower | 52 | 42 | 51 | 38 | 47 | 34 |
| Basic Upper | 41 | 21 | 37 | 19 | 33 | 17 |
| Basic Lower | 20 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 16 | 0 |

[Note: Equated scores are reported as a whole number percentage (i.e., rounded, with zero decimal places.)]

TERTIARY APPLICANTS

Applicants who are already studying towards tertiary qualifications or who have obtained such qualifications must also meet the school subject requirements and minimum performance levels outlined above.

HOW TO CALCULATE THE ADMISSIONS POINT SCORE (APS)

If an NSC candidate, the following is added:

- Points (percentage) out of 100 for each of the mandatory subjects given above
- Points out of 100 for each of next three best subjects excluding Life Orientation
- An additional 10 points if the applicant has have passed a third official South African language at Home or First Additional Language Level
- Points out of 300 for the National Benchmark Tests.

This gives a total APS out of 900.

If the applicant is already studying at tertiary level, the APS as well as your tertiary results are considered.

NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE IN EACH PROGRAMME AND THE SELECTION PROCESS

The annual intake into first year of each of the undergraduate programmes in Health Sciences is usually as follows:

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| MBChB: | 200 |
| BSc Physiotherapy: | 60 |
| BSc Occupational Therapy: | 55 |
| BSc Audiology: | 25 |
| BSc Speech-Language Pathology: | 35 |

Applicants compete in selection categories as follows:

- South African school leavers (African, Coloured, Indian, Chinese, Open/Other)
- SADC applicants

- Applicants with tertiary results from other institutions or from other faculties at UCT.

In addition, the Dean may allocate up to 15 discretionary places, on merit, to the following categories of applicants who may be slightly less competitive:

- Disabled applicants
- Repeat applicants
- The immediate family members of permanently appointed UCT staff members who are not South African citizens or permanent residents or eligible SADC applicants, and who have applied for permanent South African residence but whose permanent residency has not yet been approved at the time of registration - *provided they are competitive.*

NSC applicants are ranked in their selection category by overall Faculty score, and the Faculty Selection Committee makes conditional offers on an on-going basis from about mid-year of the year preceding admission. Conditional offers are first made to applicants with the highest overall scores; the cut-off point for early offers may be dropped during the year preceding admission; however, it will never be dropped below the minimum score for consideration mentioned earlier, and it will not be dropped to a level where the Selection Committee considers it likely that there will be many other applicants with the same or better scores in the final NSC examinations. The condition on which early offers are made is that the applicants maintain or improve, in the final examinations, their best level of performance to date, at the time that the offer was made.

A similar process of conditional offers applies to applicants with tertiary results. However, applicants with tertiary results, as well as international applicants, are considered simultaneously, soon after the closing date. Very few offers are made to international students, particularly for programmes where competition amongst South African applicants is high.

In January, once the final school and tertiary results of all applicants are available, the Selection Committee ranks, on one list, all relatively competitive applicants who have not been made conditional offers. If places become available (since some applicants to whom early offers were made may not meet the conditions of their offers, or applicants to whom offers were made have chosen to attend other tertiary institutions), offers continue to be made from this ranked list until registration.

TABLES SUMMARISING ADMISSION CRITERIA, MINIMUM ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS FOR CONSIDERATION, AND LIKELY SCORES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION OF NSC APPLICANTS

[Note: Please note that these are guidelines only. Meeting the minimum requirements or even the "Admission probable" scores does not guarantee admission. Secondly, if offers are made at the cut-off points mentioned in the "Admissions possible" columns, it may be done only late in the cycle, closer to registration in February.]

| MBChB | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED | | | | ADMISSION PROBABLE | | |
| | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT score | Subject requirements | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT score (out of 300) | TOTAL APS (out of 900) |
| Black | 420 | AL: 42 QL: 38 Maths: 34 | 50% for: Mathematics plus Physical Sciences plus English PLUS a pass in the next 3 best subjects excluding Life Orientation | 420 | 114 | 534 |
| Chinese | | | | 480 | 180 | 660 |
| Coloured | | | | 450 | 128 | 578 |
| Indian | | | | 500 | 200 | 700 |
| Open | | | | 500 | 200 | 700 |

| BSc Physiotherapy | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED | | | | ADMISSION PROBABLE | | |
| | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT | Subject requirements | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT score (out of 300) | TOTAL APS (out of 900) |
| Black | 340 | AL: 42 QL: 38 Maths: 34 | 50% for Mathematic; plus 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences; plus 50% for English; PLUS a pass in the next 3 best subjects excluding Life Orientation | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Chinese | | | | 440 | 144 | 584 |
| Coloured | | | | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Indian | | | | 450 | 144 | 594 |
| Open | | | | 460 | 150 | 610 |

| BSc Occupational Therapy | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED | | | | ADMISSION PROBABLE | | |
| | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT * | Subject requirements | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT score (out of 300) | TOTAL ADMISSION POINT SCORE / APS (out of 900) |
| Black | 340 | AL: 42 QL: 38 Maths: 34 | 50% for Mathematics or 60% for Mathematics Literacy; plus 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences; plus 50% for English; PLUS a pass in the next 3 best subjects excluding Life Orientation | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Chinese | | | | 410 | 120 | 530 |
| Coloured | | | | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Indian | | | | 420 | 120 | 540 |
| Open | | | | 440 | 120 | 560 |

* Applicants who have fewer than the minimum required NBT points will be considered individually, on merit.

| BSc Audiology and BSc Speech-Language Pathology | | | | | | |
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| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED | | | | ADMISSION PROBABLE | | |
| | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT * | Subject requirements | NSC score (out of 600) | NBT score (out of 300) | TOTAL ADMISSION POINT SCORE / APS (out of 900) |
| Black | 340 | AL: 42 QL: 38 Maths: 34 | 50% for Mathematics or 60% for Mathematics Literacy; plus 50% for Physical Sciences or Life Sciences; plus 50% for English; PLUS a pass in the next 3 best subjects excluding Life Orientation | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Chinese | | | | 380 | 114 | 494 |
| Coloured | | | | 340 | 114 | 454 |
| Indian | | | | 380 | 114 | 494 |
| Open | | | | 380 | 114 | 494 |

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