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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

<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BOccTher
<b>Minimum period</b>	4 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	BC843100
<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Optometry
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BOptom
<b>Minimum period</b>	4 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	BC841300 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)
	BC841301 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BSc (Physiotherapy)
<b>Minimum period</b>	4 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	BC842000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2021)
	BC842001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2022 onwards)
<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BSc (Dietetics)
<b>Minimum period</b>	4 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	BC846000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2021)
	BC846001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Biokinetics
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BBiok
<b>Minimum period</b>	4 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	BC844000 (for students with first registration in the programme up to 2022)
	BC844001 (for students with first registration in the programme from 2023 onwards)
<b>Qualification</b>	Bachelor of Sport Coaching
<b>Abbreviation</b>	BSportCoach
<b>Minimum period</b>	3 years (full-time)
<b>Code</b>	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 UFS General Rules 2024 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 with understanding 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 on student accounts (FHS Academic Training Transport Levy). This annual fee makes provision for all transport costs over all the years of training.
- Programmes have specific additional out-of-pocket expenses, that is required for students to be able to complete their studies.

#### Selection

The following selection criteria applies for matriculants:

<b>Bachelor of Biokinetics</b>	AP = 33 National Senior Certificate English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 5 (60%) Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%) Life Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%) and/or Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)
<b>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy</b>	AP = 33 Selection and National Senior Certificate English = Achievement level 5 (60%) Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%) Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)
<b>Bachelor of Science in Dietetics</b>	AP = 33 National Senior Certificate English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 5 (60%) Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%) Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) and/or Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)
<b>Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy</b>	AP = 33 National Senior Certificate English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 5 (60%) Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%) Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) Physical Sciences = Achievement level 4 (50%)
<b>Bachelor of Optometry</b>	AP = 33 National Senior Certificate English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 5 (60%) Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%) Life Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%) Physical Sciences = Achievement level 5 (60%)

<b>Bachelor of Sport Coaching</b>	<p>AP = 30</p> <p>National Senior Certificate or National Certificate (Vocational English or Afrikaans = Achievement level 4 (50%))</p> <p><b>Further recommendations:</b></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>
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Students with an NSC (vocational) are not considered for selection, except for the Bachelor of Sport Coaching programme.

The following selection criteria applies for senior students:

- Senior students must be enrolled for the minimum credits required to pass a year of any qualification. A student should complete a full academic mainstream year to be considered for selection. Preference will be given to students within an appropriate study field.
- For selection of candidates who have completed one or more years of a qualification that does not fall within the Health Sciences:
  - Degree not yet obtained (university students):  
Obtain a minimum average of 65% in accredited degree programmes (80% in accredited diploma programmes) for the completed year.
  - Degree already obtained (university students):  
Obtain a minimum average of 60% in accredited degree programmes (70% in accredited diploma programmes);  
**AND**  
the qualification must have been completed in no longer than the allowed minimum period plus one year.

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

- 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.
- 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**

- 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.
- 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 with regard to class attendance, tests and examinations (refer to UFS General Rules 2024).
- Procedures for the cancellation of registration as a student at the University of the Free State, as prescribed by the UFS General Rules 2024, must be followed.

#### **Rule HRS1.4: Registration for UFSS1504**

- The module UFSS1504 is a compulsory credit-bearing module for a first qualification or diploma qualification at the University of the Free State.
- All students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must register for UFSS1504 in the first year of study.
- Students must pass UFSS1504 to obtain their degree in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
- 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 student who repeats a year of study must register for **all modules not passed in the previous year**, as well as the modules stipulated by the rules of their specific programme. Should the student have passed the profession-related modules in the previous year and have at least 80% class attendance in the year that the student repeats (refer to Programme Rules), the student could be exempt from the main examination opportunity in the relevant module(s). However, if class attendance is less than 80%, the student must participate in the main mid/end-of-year examination for

that specific module.

- (b) 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 2024.

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

- (a) With the exception of the Bachelor of Sport Coaching and students in the Learning Development Programme, 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 an supplementary examination. No exception will be made, notwithstanding circumstances (also refer to Programme Rules for exceptions).
- (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). Clinical hours related to absenteeism needs 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 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 examinations can only be taken under special conditions (see UFS General Rules 2024 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 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 has to 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 considered 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 an supplementary mid-year/end-of-year examination if:

- (a) A student will qualify for an supplementary examination 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 an supplementary examination should be followed, and applicable forms 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 an supplementary examination (refer to Programme Rules).
- (d) No supplementary examination 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 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 an supplementary examination, external assessors may motivate for an 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 the main mid/end-of-year examination. A final mark of 50% is needed to pass the module.

## 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

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 2024 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 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 these two examinations, 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, must apply for readmission 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 Readmission 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 interrupts his/her studies for more than one year, must apply in writing to the respective Head of Department for re-admission to the academic programme. After consideration, the recommendation from the Head of Department and Head of School will be sent to the Dean for final approval. Pre-requisites may apply.
- (j) 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 and Control	BIKL1508 32C							
Growth and Development	BIKG1508 32C							
Social Psychology	PSSO2614 16C							
Nutrition		NUTB1624 16C	NUTB2714 16C					
Human Physiology			PHBP2608 32C					
Sport Management and Healthcare Ethics		BIKM2614 16C						
Biomechanics		BIKB2614 16C						
Health Promotion and Wellness		BIKH2614 16C						
Exercise Physiology			BIKP2624 16C					
Musculo-skeletal Injuries and Rehabilitation I & II			BIKI2624 16C		BIKI3808 32C			
Science of Coaching			BIKC2624 16C					
Baseline Measurement and Evaluation			BIKM2624 16C					
Sport Management and Biokinetics Practice			BIKI2724 16C					
Advanced Clinical Measurement and Evaluation					BIKE3708 32C			
Professional Internship I & II (Workplace-based learning)					BIKP3708 32C		BIKP4800 48C	
Movement Development and Rehabilitation			BIKR3714 16C					
Health Promotion			BIKH3714 16C					
Exercise Science			BIKE3714 16C		BIKE3804 16C			
Research Methods					BIKR3804 16C			
Clinical Exercise Physiology and 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		SCSS1524 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 and Control			BIKL2613 12C					
Sport Nutrition			SCSN2614 16C					
Biomechanics			BIKB2614 16C					
Wellness, Health Promotion and 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 and Evaluation				BIKE2623 12C				
Pharmacology				PHPT2620 5C				
Musculo-skeletal Injuries and Rehabilitation					BIKI3807 28C			
Advanced Clinical Measurement and Evaluation					BIKE3706 24C			
Clinical Exercise & Prescription					BIKE3708 32C			
Professional Internship (Workplace-based learning)					BIKP3709 36C		BIKP4808 32C	
Research Methods & Research in Biokinetics					BIKR3803 12C		BIKR4808 32C	
Being a Healthcare Researcher					SHRS3700 6C			
Management of Chronic Diseases							BIKC4807 28C	
Being a Healthcare Leader & Manager							SHRS4800 6C	
Management and 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 BC844000*

#### **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 semester/year 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.
- (d) Should a student repeat the first year of study, the student must register for the relevant repeater codes and exemption from examination may be granted if he/she achieved class and practical attendance of at least 80% in the repetition year (refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules).

#### **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.
- (d) Should a student repeat the second year of study, the student must register for the relevant repeater codes and exemption from examination may be granted if he/she achieved class and practical attendance of at least 80% in the repetition year (refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules).

#### **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 student repeating the third year of study must present all the outstanding modules.
- (e) Should a student repeat the third year of study, the student must register for the relevant repeater codes, except for BIKP3709 and exemption from examination may be granted if he/she achieved class and practical attendance of at least 80% in the repetition year (refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules).

#### **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 successfully complete the qualification.
- (b) To pass BIKP4800, a minimum mark of 50% is required in each of the three assessments respectively:
  - i. Oral examination.
  - ii. Practical examination.
  - iii. Professional internship portfolio.

#### **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 BIKR4808 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 <u>and</u> module code if a student repeats a year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months
BIKC4807	BIKC4817
BIKP4800	BIKP4810
BIKR4808	BIKR4818
BIKH4813	BIKH4813
BIKM4824	BIKM4814

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

For readmission to a study year, students must refer to Rule HRS1.16.

**Rule HRS2.9: BBiok repeater module codes**

A student who must repeat discipline modules, which he/she has already passed, should register for the following applicable repeater codes, as indicated:

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code
BIKB1508	BRKB1508	BKCB2600	BRCB2600	BIKI3807	BRKI3807
BKCB1500	BRCB1500	BIKL2613	BRKL2613	BIKE3706	BRKE3706
BIKT1504	BRKT1504	BIKB2614	BRKB2614	BKCE3708	BRCE3708
		BIKH2614	BRKH2614	BIKP3709	BRKP3709
		BIKP2614	BRKP2614	BIKR3803	BRKR3803
		BIKP2624	BRKP2624		
		BIKE2623	BRKE2623		

## 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	
Occupational Therapy			OCTA2634 16C	OCTI2744 16C	OCTM3708 32C			
Clinical Occupational Therapy		OCTC1603 12C		OCTC2704 16C	OCTC3708 32C		OCTC4800 72C	
Research					OCTR3704 16C		OCT4804 16C	
Anatomy		ANBO1608 32C						
Physiology			PHBO2614 16C	PHBO2624 16C				
Psychology		PSDE1624 16C	PSPA3714 16C	PSPE3724 16C				
Anthropology		ANTC1624 16C						
Technology and Activity		OCTA1504 16C	CNOT2614 16C					
Clinical Sciences				OCTS2722 8C	OCTS3704 16			
University 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 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).
- The student must register again, as applicable, and according to the repeater codes (see repeater codes) for all the discipline modules (ANBO1608, OCTC1603, OCTF1514 and OCTF1524) already passed.
- Class attendance of 80% in each of the repeater modules are required to progress to the next year of study.

### 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 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.
- A student repeating the second year of study must present all the outstanding modules (PHBO2614, PHBO2624, OCTA2614, OCTA2634, OCTI2724, OCTI2744, OCTC2704, OCTS2722 and CNOT2614).
- The student must register again, as applicable, and according to the repeater codes (see repeater codes and equivalents) for all the discipline modules (OCTA2614, OCTA2634, OCTI2724, OCTI2744, OCTC2704 and OCTS2722) already passed.
- Class attendance of 80% in each of the repeater modules are required to progress to the next year of study.

#### 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 is available in OCTR3704 due to the continuous assessment structure.
- A student may not carry any module from the first, second or third year over to the fourth year.
- To pass OCTC3708, a student must:
  - Pass all three clinical fieldwork rotations with 50% to gain access to the examination.
  - Obtain a final combined mark of 50% and have a year mark (predicate) of 50%.
  - Obtain a subminimum of 45% (examination mark) for every section in OCTC3708.
  - Obtain a combined examination mark of 50%.
  - Obtain a final combined mark of 50%.
- To pass OCTS3704, a student must:
  - Pass both papers with a subminimum of 45% per paper.
  - Obtain a combined examination mark of 50% for both papers.
- A student repeating the third year of study must present all the outstanding modules of the third year of study (OCTP3708, OCTM3708, OCTC3708, OCTR3704 and OCTS3704).
- The student must register again, as applicable, and according to the repeater codes (see repeater codes) for all the discipline modules (OCTP3708, OCTM3708, OCTC3708, OCTS3704 and OCTR3704) already passed.
- Class attendance of 80% in each of the repeater modules (OCTP3708, OCTM3708, OCTR3704) is required to progress to the next year of study.
- Attendance of 100% is required in the clinical fieldwork module (OCTC3708).

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

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

#### Rule HRS3.6: Repetition of fourth study year

- A student who does not pass OCTC4800 or OCTT4808, will not be considered for reassessment **before** June of the next year. All the modules failed should be presented and assessed again.
- 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 <u>and</u> module code if a student repeats a year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months
OCTC4800	OCTC4810
OCTT4808	OCTT4818
OCTR4804	OCTR4814

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

**Rule HRS3.7: BOccTher repeater module codes**

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code
OCTA1504	OCRA1504	OCTA2614	OCRA2614	OCTM3708	OCRM3708
OCTF1514	OCRF1514	OCTA2634	OCRA2634	OCTP3708	OCRP3708
OCTF1524	OCRF1524	OCTI2724	OCRI2724	OCTR3704	OCRR3704
		OCTI2744	OCRI2744	OCTC3708	OCRC3708
		OCTC2704	OCRC2704	OCTS3704	OCRS3704
		OCTS2722	OCRS2722		

## 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 4		Year 4
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1 & 2
Biophysics		MPDI1524 16C					
Biology		BLGY1683 12C					
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C CHEM1501 4C						
Psychology				PSTH3724 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 and 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	TNUT2724 16C	TNUT4800 48C
Dietetics Research					DRES3704 16C		DRES4804 16C
Food Service Management					FSMT3714 16C	FSMT3724 16C	FSMT4807 28C
University 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 BC746000



# 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 1	Sem 1 & 2
<b>Biology</b>		BLGY1683 12C					
<b>Chemistry</b>	CHEM1513 12C CHEM1501 4C						
<b>Nutrition</b>	NUTD1514 16C	NUTD1524 16C	NUTD2614 16C	NUTD2624 16C			
<b>Foods</b>	CNSF2614 16C	CNSF2624 16C					
<b>Being a healthcare professional</b>	SHRS1500 6C						
<b>Biochemistry</b>			BOCH2614 16C				
<b>Physiology</b>			PHBD2608 32C				
<b>Microbiology</b>			MCBH2614 16C				
<b>Molecular and Cell Biology of humans</b>			HMBG2614 16C				
<b>Business Management</b>	EBUS1614 16C						
<b>Being a healthcare professional in South Africa</b>			SHRS2600 6C				
<b>Dietetic Service Learning</b>		DETS1522 8C		DETS2622 8C		DETS3722 8C	
<b>Community Nutrition</b>					COMN3712 8C	COMN3724 16C	COMN4809 36C
<b>Therapeutic Nutrition</b>				TNUT2724 16C	TNUT3734 16C	TNUT3724 16C	TNUT4800 48C
<b>Dietetics Research</b>					DRES3704 16C		DRES4804 16C
<b>Being a healthcare researcher</b>					SHRS3700 6C		
<b>Food Service Management</b>					FSMT3714 16C	FSMT3724 16C	FSMT4807 28C
<b>Being a healthcare leader and manager</b>							SHRS4800 6C
<b>University Core Curriculum</b>	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 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 second year of study

- (b) A student must pass NUTD1514 and NUTD1524 and may only carry over 32 credits (UFSS1504 excluded) to the second study year, with no more than 16 credits per semester.
- (c) Repeating the first year: A student who repeats the first year of study, must register for all modules not passed in the previous year, as well as NUTR1514 and NUTR1524. Should a student have passed NUTD1514 and NUTD1524 in the previous year, refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules.

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

- (a) A student must pass NUTD2614, NUTD2624 and TNUT2724 and may only carry over 16 credits to the third study year.
- (b) A student who repeats the second year of study, or who failed TNUT2724, may register for Food Service Management (FSMT3714 and FSMT3724). Refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules) together with modules as indicated in the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules, subject to approval of the Head of the Department.
- (c) Repeating the second year: A student who repeats the second year of study, must register for all modules not passed in the previous year, as well as NUTR2614, NUTR2624 and TNUR2724. A student who passed NUTD2614, NUTD2624 and TNUT2724 in the previous year, is compelled to repeat these modules. Refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules.

#### 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.
- (c) A student who repeats the third year of study, must register for all modules not passed in the previous year, as well as TNUR3734 and TNUR3724. A student who has passed TNUT3734 and TNUT3724 in the previous year, is compelled to repeat these modules (refer to the applicable Faculty and/or Programme Rules).

#### 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) 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.
- (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 codes, as indicated.

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

#### Rule HRS4.7: BSc (Dietetics) repeater module codes

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code
NUTD1514	NUTR1514	NUTD2614	NUTR2614	TNUT3734	TNUR3734
NUTD1524	NUTR1524	NUTD2624	NUTR2624	TNUT3724	TNUR3724
		TNUT2724	TNUR2724		

## 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 & 2	Sem 1 & 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			
Clinical Physiotherapy					PTCP3700 45C	PTCP4800 65C
Research Methodology					PTRM3704 16C	PTRP4804 16C
University 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: 518

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	Year 4
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1 & 2	Sem 1 & 2
Physics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1543 12C				
Chemistry	CHEM1513 12C	CHEM1643 12C				
	CHEM1501 4C					
Being a healthcare professional	SHRS1500 6C					
Anatomy	ANBP1608 32C					
Cellular, molecular biology and histology for Physiotherapy	ANBP1611 4C					
Psychology		PSDE1624 16C				
Pharmacology			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
Research					PTRM3700 18C	PTRP4800 17C
Being a healthcare leader and manager						SHRS4800 6C
University 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 2023 or had to repeat their first year of study in 2023, as well as students registered for the first time in the programme for academic plan code BC842001 in 2024, students that registered for academic plan code BC842000 in 2023 will be redirected to academic plan code BC842001 in 2024.*

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

To progress to the second year of study, a student must pass ANBP1608 and PTBP1500.

- (a) A student may carry over thirty-two (32) credits (excluding ANBP1608 and PTBP1500) to the second year of study. Only sixteen (16) credits per semester may be carried over.
- (b) To pass PTBP1500
  - i. a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, **and**
  - ii. a mark of 50% is required in two of the three practical assessments of which one should be Basic Principles:
    - Basic Principles.
    - Electrotherapy.
    - Massage.
- (c) Should a student repeat the first year of study and have passed PTBP1500 the previous year, the student must register for the relevant repeater code.

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) To pass PHBP2600
  - i. a mark of 45% is required in each of the written examination papers, **and**
  - ii. a mark of 50% in two of the three practical assessments of which one should be Rehabilitation.
    - Rehabilitation
    - Electrotherapy
    - Massage
- (d) Should a student repeat the second year of study and have passed PHBP2600 the previous year, the student must register for the relevant repeater code.

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

- (a) 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 PHCS3704, all continuous assessments must be completed and a final combined mark of at least 50% is obtained.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Should a student repeat the third year of study and passed PICP3702, PHAP3700 and/or PHCP3700 the previous year, the student must register for the relevant repeater codes.
- (f) Should a student repeat the third year of study and have passed PTRM3700 but failed PHCP3700, and/or PHAP3700, the student must register for the repeater code of the Research Methodology module and 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 year 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**

- (a) A student who fails PTRP4800 must write a protocol and hand it in before the end of May during the repetition period.
- (b) 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.
- (c) If a student fails two of the four fourth-year modules (PICP4800, PHIP4800, PHCP4800 and PTRP4800) he/or she must repeat six months. Both modules will be repeated during these six months.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 <u>and</u> module code if a student repeats a year	Module code if a student repeats only six (6) months
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.

**Rule HRS5.8: Repeater and equivalent codes**

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code
PHBP1500	PHBR1500	PHBP2600	PHBR2600	PHAP3700	PHAR3700
				PHCP3700	PHCR3700
				PTRM3700	PTRR3700

## 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 & 2	Sem 1 & 2
Physical and Geometric Optics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1644 16C				
Basic Anatomy & Physiology	BMBO1508 32C					
Optometric Theory and 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 and Management Skills		ETHS1522 8C				ETHS4802 8C
Ophthalmic and Visual Optics			PHYS2654 16C	PHYS2664 16C		
Applied Anatomy and Physiology			BMBO2608 32C			
Low Vision				LVIS2622 8C	LOVI3702 8C	LVIS4802 8C
Environmental and Occupational Optometry			ENVO2612 8C			
Ocular Pathology					PATH3704 16C	PATH4802 8C
General and Ocular Pharmacology					GOPH3704 16C	
Binocular Vision					BVIS3704 16C	BVIS4802 8C
Optometry Research Skills					ORES3704 16C	ORES4802 8C
Systems Pathology and Medical Microbiology					SYPM3704 16C	
Contact Lenses and 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 for Optometric Practice						CMED4802 8C
University 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*

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

Academic Plan Code: BC841301

Credits 530

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	Year 4
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1 & 2	Sem 1 & 2
Physical and Geometric Optics	PHYS1534 16C	PHYS1644 16C				
Basic Anatomy & Physiology	BMBO1508 32C					
General and System Pathology	GENS1604 16C		GENS2611 4C			
Being a healthcare professional	SHRS1500 16C					
Optometry Theory and Methods	OTMS1505 20C		OTMS2606 24C			
Public Health & Ethical Practice		PUBH1521 4C	PUBH2612 8C			
Ophthalmic Optics		OPTC1522 8C				
Physiological Optics			PHOP2614 16C			
Ocular Anatomy & Physiology			OCAP2605 20C			
General and 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	CCOP4804 8C
Ocular Pathology				PATH2722 8C	PATH3704 16C	PATH4804 16C
Low Vision					LVIS3704 16C	LVIS4804 16C
Contact Lenses					CLNS3705 20C	CLNS4806 24C
Binocular Vision					BVIS3704 16C	
Paediatric Optometry					PAED3704 16C	
Paediatric & Binocular Optometry						PABV4806 24C
Research in Optometry					ORES3700 18C	ORES4800 18C
Becoming a healthcare researcher					SHRS3700 6C	
Professional development & management in Optometry						PDMO4805 20C
Becoming a healthcare leader & manager						SHRS4800 6C
University Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16C					

#### **Rule HRS6.2: Pass requirements for the final examinations**

- (f) 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.
- (g) To pass a **practical and clinical examination**:
  - i. A subminimum of 50% is required in the second year of study.
  - ii. A subminimum of 50% is required in the third year of study.
  - iii. A subminimum of 50% is required in the fourth year of study.
- (h) A student may qualify for the **supplementary examination** 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 semester/year 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.
- (c) A student who fails the first year of study, must enrol in all the prescribed modules for the first year.
  - i. Students repeating the year must register for the modules that they passed, with the applicable repeater codes and for modules that they failed with the original module codes (see repeater codes and equivalents).
  - ii. The repeating first-year student should have 80% class attendance and 100% practical attendance in all the first-year modules to progress to the second study year.
  - iii. Exemption will be given for the modules PHYS1534, PHYS1644, PSIN1514 if they have previously been passed.

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

- (a) An average semester/year 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, students need to achieve a minimum mark of 50% in each of the diagnostic procedures throughout the semester. No supplementary examination is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for this module.
- (d) No student is allowed to carry any prescribed second year modules over to the third year of study.
- (e) A student who fails the second year of study, must attend all the prescribed modules for the second year.
  - i. The repeating student must register for all the modules that they passed, with the applicable repeater codes and for modules that they failed with the original module codes (see repeater codes and equivalents).
  - ii. The repeating second year student should have 80% class attendance and 100% practical attendance in all the second-year modules to progress to the third year of study.
  - iii. The repeating student will not be permitted to take modules from the third year of study.

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

- (a) An average year 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 is available due to the continuous assessment structure followed for this module.
- (d) A student who failed the third year of study, must attend all the prescribed modules for the third year.
  - i. The repeating student must register for all the modules that they passed, with the applicable repeater codes and for modules that they failed with the original module codes (see repeater codes and equivalents).
  - ii. The repeating third-year student should have 80% class attendance and 100% clinical attendance in all the third-year modules to progress to the fourth year of study.
  - iii. The repeating student will not be permitted to take modules from the fourth year of study.

#### **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 successfully complete the qualification.
- (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.

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

- A repeating final-year student should have 80% class attendance and 100% clinical and practical attendance in the modules passed to be permitted to the final examinations.
- A repeating student must register for all the modules that they passed with the applicable repeater codes and for modules that they failed with the module codes as indicated in the Programme Rules. A repeating student will be exempted from SHRS4800 if they passed the module.
  - 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 <u>and</u> module code if a student repeats a year and <u>failed</u> the module in the previous year	Module code if a student repeats a year and <u>passed</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
OPHD4801	OPHR4801	OPHR4801
PATH4804	PATR4804	PATR4804
CCOP4802	CCOR4802	CCOR4802
LVIS4804	LVIR4804	LVIR4804
CLNS4806	CLNR4806	CLNR4806
PABV4806	PABR4806	PABR4806
ORES4800	ORER4800	ORER4800
PDMO4805	PDMR4805	PDMR4805

#### Rule HRS6.8: Recognition of prior learning

A student who has studied at another university or a university of technology, may be eligible to apply for exemption to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences for equivalent modules in the BOptom programme after evaluation of the completed module(s) and academic transcript by the Department of Optometry provided he/she complies with the relevant UFS General Rule 2024.

#### Rule HRS6.9: Discontinuation of studies

- 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 readmission into the programme.
- 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 readmission into the programme.
  - Complete practical/clinical and selected profession-related competency exams successfully on the level of the last year completed prior to readmission.

#### Rule HRS6.10: Repeater and equivalent codes

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code	Module code	Repeater module code
BMBO1508	BMBO1598	GENS2611	GENR2611	OPHD3701	OPHR3701
OTMS1505	OTMR1505	PUBH2612	PUBR2612	PATH3704	PATR3704
GENS1604	GENR1604	OTMS2606	OTMR2606	DGNS3702	DGNR3702
OPTC1522	OPTR1522	PHOP2614	PHOR2614	CCOP3704	CCOR3704
PUBH1521	PUBR1521	OCAP2615	OCAR2615	LVIS3704	LVIR3704
		OPHD2604	OPHR2604	CLNS3705	CLNR3705
		DGNS2721	DGNR2721	BVIS3704	BVIR3704
		PATH2722	PATR2722	PAED3704	PAER3704
		CCOP2621	CCOR2621	ORES3700	ORER3700



## Bachelor of Sport Coaching

### Rule HRS7.1: BSportCoach curriculum

Academic Plan Code: BC834000

Credits: 360

COMPULSORY MODULES	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2
Coaching Environment	SCCE1512 8C					
Anatomy	SCAN1514 16C					
Motor Control and Development	SCMC1514 16C					
Business Functions	EBUS1514 16C					
Practice of Coaching		SCPC1522 8C				
Social Sciences of Sport		SCSS1524 16C				
Physiology		SCPH1524 16C				
Motor Control and Skill Acquisition		SCMC1622 8C				
General Management		EBUS1624 16C				
Sport Analysis			SCSA2712 8C			
Biomechanics			SCBM2614 16C			
Sport Nutrition			SCSN2614 16C			
Entrepreneurship			EBUS2714 16C			
Coaching Science 1				SCSC2624 16C		
Sport Law and Ethics				SCSL2722 8C		
Exercise Physiology				SCEP2624 16C		
Sport Vision				SCSV2622 8C		
Small Business Management				ESBM2724 16C		
Sport Injuries					SCSI3614 16C	
Coaching Pedagogy					SCCP3714 16C	
Sport Programme Design					SCPD3714 16C	
Research Methodology in Sport Coaching						SCRM3724 16C
Talent Identification						SCTI3622 8C
Coaching Science 2						SCSC3724 16C
Practical					SCPR3708 32C	
University Core Curriculum	UFSS1504 16 C					

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

- (a) 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.
- (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 an institutional, national, and international level and an average academic mark of 60% 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 HRS7.3: Pass requirements for the first year of study**

- (a) To progress to the second year of study, a student must fulfil the progression rules as stipulated in the UFS General Rules 2024.
- (b) Prerequisite modules in the first year of study:
  - i. Anatomy (SCAN1514) is a prerequisite for Sport Injuries (SCSI3614).
  - ii. Physiology (SCPH1524) is a prerequisite for Exercise Physiology (SCEP2624).
- (c) All first-year modules indicated in the semester guide are continuously evaluated, and an average semester/year mark of at least 40% must be obtained for students to be eligible for the final examination.
- (d) A student repeating the first year of study must enrol for all the outstanding modules.
- (e) 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**

- (a) To progress to the third year of study, a student must fulfil the progression rules as stipulated in the UFS General Rules 2024.
- (b) A student repeating the second year of study must enrol for all the outstanding modules.
- (c) 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) A student must pass all the compulsory modules of the third year of study to successfully complete the qualification.
- (b) A student who, during the final examination in the third year of study did not pass all the modules, must enrol for all the outstanding modules.
- (c) To pass SCPR3708, a minimum mark of 50% is required in each of the three assessments respectively:
  - i. Oral examination.
  - ii. Practical examination.
  - iii. Portfolio of Evidence.

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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 <u>and</u> module code if a student repeats a year	Module code if the student repeats only six (6) months
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

### CONTACT PERSONS: FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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### CONTACT PERSONS: SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

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## MASTER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Academic programme	Abbreviation	Minimum study period
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

\*Subject to approval

## 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	Abbreviation
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

*\*Subject to approval*

### 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	Study Code	Module Code	Degree 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*				

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) To register for the third year of study, final ethical approval for the research study must have been obtained.
- (c) To register for the fourth 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 HRP1.6: Assessment**

- (a) Assessment of Master's Degree dissertations include:
  - i. Attendance of research skills development sessions and/or activities (refer to the applicable Faculty Rules).
  - ii. The evaluation of the research protocol/proposal by a committee appointed by the Research Committee of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. The title of the study will be submitted to the Faculty Board only on the recommendation of the Faculty Management Committee.
  - v. 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 2024 General Rules of the UFS, all required modules must be passed to obtain a degree.
- (b) Refer to the UFS General Rules 2024 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 study period
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	PhD (Dietetics)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition	PhD (Nutrition)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Physiotherapy	PhD (Physiotherapy)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy	PhD (Occupational Therapy)	2 years
Doctor of Philosophy in Biokinetics*	PhD (Biokinetics)	2 years

\*Subject to approval

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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**

- The Doctoral Degree programmes in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences extend over a minimum period of two years.
- 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**

- 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.
- 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	Study Code	Module Code	Degree Credits
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics	DPhil in Dietetics	BC895500	PDET9100	360 credits
Doctor of Nutrition	DNut	BC895200	PNUT9100	360 credits
Doctor of Physiotherapy	DPhysio	BC895400	PTDP9100	360 credits
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	DOccTher	BC895300	PDOT9100	360 credits
Doctor of Biokinetics*	DBiok			

*\*Subject to approval*

#### **Rule HRP2.5: Progression Rules for Doctoral Degree programmes**

- 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.
- To register for the fourth year of study, final ethical approval for the research study must have been obtained.
- To register for the fifth 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 HRP2.6: Assessment**

- Assessment of a Doctoral Degree thesis include:
  - 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.
  - 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.
- Refer to the General Rules of the UFS related to assessment of theses or publishable manuscripts/published articles.

#### **Rule HRP2.7: Pass requirements**

- According to the stipulations of the General Rules of the UFS, all required modules must be passed to obtain a degree.
- 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.