

BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

- Leads to registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a Registered Counsellor.
- A four-year professional degree equivalent to a Bachelor's Honours degree in the social sciences.
- Eligible for application into a cognate Master's degree programme.

Our Bachelor of Psychology aims to develop the knowledge and essential practical skills to provide good-quality psychological care to people at a primary mental health care level. The focus is on ethical short-term supportive counselling, psychoeducation and psychological assessment (aligned with the scope of practice for a Registered Counsellor) with the aim of developing and promoting the psychological wellbeing of individuals and families in the diverse communities of South Africa. This degree provides a thorough grounding in the knowledge, theory and principles of the profession of a Registered Counsellor.


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Course Details

 DURATION:
4 years, full-time only

 SAQA REGISTRATION:
SAQA ID 84166, NQF 8

 PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT:
Approved by the HPCSA's Board of Psychology

 PRACTICUM:
6 months full-time (720 hours), including supervision

 FACULTY:
Applied Psychology

Admission Requirements:

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement 50-59%) or better in 6 recognised NSC subjects, including Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy and English OR
- Senior Certificate (Pre-2008) with Endorsement, with English and Mathematics/Maths Literacy passed at Standard Grade or better, or an equivalent school-leaving certificate OR
- A Higher Certificate (NQF level 5), a SAQA verified equivalent qualification, Advanced Certificate, or Diploma in a cognate field OR
- Applicants who do not meet the above requirements should provide a portfolio of evidence demonstrating formal, informal, and non-formal knowledge, training, work experience, and/or learning equivalent to a National Senior Certificate (NQF level 4) to support admission into the programme on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

This degree is a good choice if you:

- Have an interest in social transformation and a concern for the mental health needs of people in South Africa.
- Want to provide accessible psychological services that address a range of psychosocial challenges in diverse community settings.
- Want to gain practical experience as part of your studies to increase your expertise and confidence for a career as a Registered Counsellor.
- Want the depth and breadth of a Bachelor Honours-equivalent professional degree with a strong applied learning component.
- Want a qualification that will give you multiple academic pathways to Master's studies in clinical, counselling, educational or research psychology, the social sciences or related fields such as psychometry.

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