



Undergraduate Applications and Admissions for 2020

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) offers students opportunities to undergo training in the health sciences. Selection is based on academic performance and the university ensures that selected students have the ability/potential to complete their studies in the requisite minimum time. SMU also prioritise transformation and endeavours to attract talented students from all demographic groupings in South Africa and a few from Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Applications open on 11 March 2019 and the closing dates are as follows:

Friday, 28 June 2019: MBChB, B Radiography, B Dental Surgery, B Dental Therapy, B Pharmacy, BSc Physio

Friday, 26 July 2019: B Sc, BSc Diet, B Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, B Occ Therapy, B Oral Hygiene, B Nursing Sciences

Applications can be made **manually or online**. However, online applications are currently limited to undergraduate qualifications for South African and International applicants who have written or are studying towards the National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examinations Board (IEB) certificate or studying at other South African Universities. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to avoid disappointments.

The following documents must be submitted

- a. Certified copy of your ID/passport document (compulsory).
- b. Certified final Grade 11 results or Grade 12 June results or your National Senior/Matric/ IEB Certificate (if you have already completed Grade 12).
- c. Certified copies of your degree certificate(s) and academic record(s), if you attended other universities.
- d. Certified copy of your marriage certificate (if applicable).
- e. Proof of non-refundable application fee payment of R200.

Please note:

- a. Applicants are allowed to apply for a maximum of two study choices.
- b. The University receives more applications than it can accommodate and meeting admissions requirements does not guarantee admission.
- c. Your application will not be processed if you have not submitted all the required applicable documentation mentioned above.
- d. If you have not submitted the required documentation within a period of two months, unfortunately your application will not be considered.
- e. There are limited places in University residence and admission to study at SMU does not guarantee a place in residence. The places are awarded on a first come first served basis and the University is not obliged to provide a place in the residence.
- f. All non-South African citizens and non-permanent residents are required to obtain a study permit prior to registering as students. Applications for study permits should be submitted to the South African Home Affairs, Consulate or High Commissioner in your country of residence/origin, and it would be issued in favour of Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University and to be submitted during registration.
- g. Application forms submitted after the closing dates will not be considered.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) offers opportunities to Southern African and Southern African Development Community (SADC) nationals an opportunity to undergo a career in medicine. SMU in keeping up with international standards, bases selection on academic and non-academic measurable variables and ensures that selected students have the ability/ potential to successfully complete their studies in the requisite minimum time. SMU endeavours to attract talented students from all demographic groupings in South Africa whilst prioritising transformation. In this regards, a quota system based on a principle that promotes equitable chances and fairness to students from all population groups (Indigenous Africans – 80.2%; Coloureds – 8.8%; Whites – 8.5%; Indians/Asians – 2.5%) is applied in all selection process excluding the special foundation medicine programme. This proportion is based on the census demography of the SA population and will apply from one census to the other annually.

The selection process is done in three phases.

Preselection

Students are offered a provisional place based on their final Grade 11 results. Pre-selected grade 11 students are expected to have attained an admission point score (APS) of at least 35.

Students will be preselected based on the performance in the following four subjects: English, Life Sciences, Physical Science and Mathematics (shown in Table 1).

Subjects	Proposed APS Minimum Points	SMU Admission Score for preselection
English	6	6
Mathematics	6	6
Physical Science	6	6
Life Sciences	6	6
Additional subject 1	5	
Additional subject 2	4	
Life Orientation	4	
Total	35 points	24 points

A preselection offer is withdrawn if the applicant's performance in these four subjects drops below their performance in the Grade 11 results. The application is then returned to the general pool of applicants in which applicants will be considered on the basis of their Grade 12 performance only using the four subjects previously listed.

Table 1: Pre-Selection Criteria

APS	NSC	IGCSE/GCSE/NSC		HIGCSE	AS - Level	A - Level	IBHL	IBSL	APS
		Grade 11	Grade 12						
10						A	7		10
9									9
8						B	6		8
7	80-100%	7		1	A	C	5	7	7
6	70-79%	6		2	B	D	4	6	6
5	60-69%	5	7	3	C	E	3	5	5
4	50-59%	4	6		D		2	4	4
3	40-49%	3	5	4	E		1	3	3
2	30-39%	2	4					2	2
1	0-39%	1	3					1	1

Table 2 Admission Point Score Conversion Table

NSC – National School Certificate South Africa

IGCSE - International General Certificate of Education

NSSC – Namibian Senior Secondary School Certificate A Level – Advanced Level

O-level – Ordinary Level

AS-level – Advanced Subsidiary Level

IB – International Baccalaureate Schools (higher levels and standard levels)

Phase 2 Final selection

The second phase of selection is done soon after the GRADE 12 results have been released. Pre-selected students who either maintained or improved their Grade 11 SMU selection score are given substantive offers. Those whose scores fall below the level at which they received a pre-selection offer are then included in the general pool of applicants for consideration.

In order for students to be selected from the main data pool they should comply with the following admission requirements:

- a) Must achieve the minimum APS score of 35 as described above in Table 2
- b) Compete on the basis of the four subjects in the preselection criteria. Students will be selected by order of merit using the percentage marks in these subjects: *Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Science, English Language*. These will be done on a demographic basis using the census data.
- c) A first degree in Natural Sciences. An applicant with a degree may not be admitted into the ECP (extended curriculum programme)
- d) Have excelled in First year BSc courses at SMU. Eligibility means the attainment of at least three distinctions during their first year.
- e) A relevant matriculation or examination process that qualifies enrolment into a degree programme (for SADC nationals mainly Lesotho and Swaziland, with an APS to be determined by the enrolment committee on basis of Table 2)

A total of 250 spaces are offered during the second phase of selection based on the following distribution:

- 150 (One hundred and fifty) students
 - ✓ this number comprises pre-selected students now given substantive offers on grounds of either having maintained their performance in the SMU Admission Score
 - ✓ Students selected from the remaining pool of applicants from other school leaving assessments.
- Five (5) students from SADC sponsored by their governments (in terms of governments agreements, preference to be given to those from Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia)
- Thirty (30) who have completed their First Degree at SMU. This includes students who have health professional degrees such as nursing, physiotherapy, dietetics and occupational therapy. Selection will be based on a calculation of points for each symbol.
- Five (5) students who have completed a first degree at another university.
- Five (5) sponsored by the South African National Defence Force

- Five (5) students who have excelled in BSc or equivalent first year courses at SMU. These will be assessed on the basis of at least three distinctions and then in merit order. For general BSc (first year subjects) and for applicants from the extended curriculum programme in BSc using both ECP 1 and 2 averages. Please see detailed comments below.
- Five (5), Vice Chancellor / Dean discretion. These will be applied over and above the numbers offered in exceptional circumstances
- 50 MBChB-ECP 1 students who passed all the six Foundation Modules

Note:

1. **Due to the limited number of places available and the competitive nature of the degree programme attainment of the minimum requirements stated in Table 1 does not guarantee admission.**
2. **Students attaining high SMU Admission Score not selected in among the top 150 are placed on a waiting list.**

Phase 3 : Selection into Medicine Foundation (MBChB-Extended Curriculum Programme)

Non-quantifiable measurable variables that include social background (schooling and rural origin i.e. quintile 1 and 2 schools, rurality and socioeconomic circumstances) form the core policy of selection of MBChB-ECP students. The MBChB-ECP programme is meant to address historical inequalities with regard to access to a medical career. Students are selected from all disadvantaged schools country wide such that selected candidates reflect the demographic (socio-economic) profile of the country. However, students from quintile 1 and 2 have equal chances of being selected to the six year programme if they meet the requirements presented in Table 1.

The Medicine Foundation Programme at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University is a one year course that prepares students for entry into the six-year medicine degree course offered by the university. The foundation programme focuses on developing the students' knowledge in the sciences and study skills required when studying towards a medicine degree. The following modules are offered:

- Medical Foundation Biophysics and Numeracy
- Medical Foundation Biology
- Medical Foundation Biochemistry
- Medical Foundation English for Medicine.
- Medical Foundation Introduction to the Human Body (Anatomy and Physiology)
- Medical Foundation Study Skills and Information Management.

Eligibility

This programme is only available to students from disadvantaged schools who are South African citizens and are currently enrolled in quintile 1 and 2 schools during time of application who do not achieve direct entry into the six-year medicine degree programme. Applications that do not meet these criteria will be **declined**. The minimum academic requirements are presented in Table 3

Table 3 MBChB-ECP academic requirements

Subjects	Proposed Minimum points
Mathematics	5
Physical Science	5
Life Sciences	5
English Language	5
Life Orientation	4
Additional Subject 1	4
Additional Subject 2	4
Total	32

A student may be selected with a score of 4 in either English or Life Sciences provided that the overall score is still competitive.

Duration: 1 year

Progression rule to the six-year medicine programme (MBChB)

The student must pass all the six foundation modules with a minimum of 50%.

Note: A student who fails any of the six foundation modules cannot repeat. There is no credit offered to such student.

Selection of an applicant with a previous degree

Applicants with a previous degree will be selected to fill the allocated quotas referred to in the list above. Matric will be used to look at certain/specified subjects. Applicants must have done Mathematics (**not Mathematical Literacy**) and Physical Science/Life Sciences at Matric level.

A basic calculation will be applied to the performance of these applicants. The resultant score will be used in descending order to select applicants from this pool.

The process of the calculation will be as follows:

- Each subject is awarded a score based on the percentage achieved as per the table below. The percentage will be rounded off to the nearest decimal
- In the event a subject has been completed as a supplementary result, the score awarded will be 0
- In the event of year of study being repeated or a subject being repeated in a subsequent year of study, all attempts at the subject are scored and each counts as a course for the purposes of this calculation.
- These are then added together and divided by the number of subjects included
- The minimum score which will be considered eligible is 12

Table 4: Points awarded for particular scores on academic transcript

≥ 75%	24
70 – 74%	16
65 – 69	12
60 – 64	8
55 – 59	4
50 – 54	0
Fail	0
A subject passed after a supplementary examination	0

Table 5: Additional points to be awarded:

Completion of a BSc, BDS or other science based degree completed in minimum time	2
Honours degree in minimum time with distinction	3
Honours degree in minimum time without distinction	2
Four year professional degrees will be awarded points	2
Masters degree	1
Masters degree with distinction	2
Doctoral degree	2

Selection of students following completion of first year at SMU

- BSc First Year students with Average Year 3 Distinctions.
- Maximum number of spaces is 5.
- This does not include candidates with BSc (Diet), BSc (Physio) etc, or those in an Extended Degree Programme (ECP) or those with a foundation course in any subjects. Students will only be considered at the end of their passed first year.
- Applicants will only be considered for MBChB I.
- Such a student must have distinctions (≥ 75%) in **three full year subjects** (e.g. Chemistry I) if taking 4 courses; or distinctions in four modular courses (e.g. Chemistry) if taking 8 modules / semester courses, or at least half of the year's credits, to be considered for selection, and an average of 70%.
- Selection is on a competitive basis.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

SHC B1 The BCur (007) and BNSA01 Programme

Selection and Admission Requirements

For practical reasons a limited number of applicants can be admitted to the degree programme. A Selection Committee therefore selects students on merit.

An applicant for the **B Cur/BNSA01** programme must have

- (a) a National Senior Certificate endorsed for bachelor's degree study (or equivalent school leaving certificate with full Exemption certificate .
- (b) an APS of at least 26;
- (c) passed in the following subjects at the following, or better levels of achievement

Subject	Points
Life Sciences	4
Mathematics	4
Physical Sciences	4
Language of Learning/English	4
Additional subject 1 History/Agriculture/Geography	3
Additional subject 2 Consumer studies/Information Technology	3
Life orientation	3
TOTAL POINTS	26

SHC B3 BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEGREE PROGRAMME BOTA01

Selection and Admission Requirements

- (i) Students are selected on merit by a Selection Committee and notified accordingly by the Office of the Registrar.
- (ii) Students with a Bachelor's Health Sciences degree or a BSc qualification will be considered for selecting if they meet the minimum requirements.
- (iii) Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences students who are changing from other degree programmes will be selected on their academic performance.
- (iv) Students with foreign qualifications must submit their documentation to SAQA for valuation. Certificates of equivalence must be submitted to the University with their application.

National Senior Certificate (NSC) Applicants:

Applicants require the following **minimum** Admission Point Score (APS)

Subject	Points
Life Sciences	4
Mathematics	4
Physical Sciences	4
Language of Learning/English	4
Life orientation	3
2 Additional Subjects	3 each
TOTAL POINTS	25

In addition to the University Rules relating to selection and admission, English must be at a minimum of 4 and Life Orientation at a minimum of 3.

SHC B4BSc (Dietetics) DEGREE PROGRAMME BDIA01 /004 – Old Curriculum BSc (Dietetics)

Selection and Admission Requirements

- (i) For practical reasons a limited number of applicants may be admitted to the degree programme. Students are therefore selected on merit by a Selection Committee and notified accordingly by the Office of the Registrar.
- (ii) Students who have been refused re-registration at any other University shall not be admitted to this programme.

- (iii) Students who have been excluded from other courses or programmes at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University are not eligible.

SHC B4.1.2 Admission

Applicants must have the following minimum Admission Point Scores (APS)

Subject	APS
Mathematics	4
Physical Science	4
Language of learning & teaching (English)	4
Life Sciences	4
Life orientation	3
Additional subject 1	3
Additional subject 2	3
TOTAL	25

In addition to the University Rules relating to selection and admission, English must be at a minimum of 4 and Life Orientation at a minimum of 3.

SHCB5 BSc (Physiotherapy) DEGREE PROGRAMME BPT01

Selection and Admission Requirements

- (i) For practical reasons, a limited number of applicants will be admitted to the degree programme. Students are selected on merit by a Selection Committee and notified accordingly by the Office of the Registrar.
- (ii) Applicants who chose physiotherapy as a first choice will be given preference for selection.

Applicants must

- (a) have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) endorsed for bachelor's degree study with the following minimum Admission Point Score (APS) a minimum of a 4 for English and a 4 for Life Orientation

Subject	Score
Life Sciences	4
Mathematics	4
Physical Science	4
Language of Learning	4
Life Orientation	4
Additional Subject 1	4
Additional Subject 2	4
Total Score	28 points
	29

Bachelor of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BSLPA degree programme)

Selection and Admission Requirements

For practical reasons, only a limited number of applicants shall be admitted to the degree programme. Students are selected on merit by a SHCS selection Committee

The General Rules apply. A candidate must comply with the conditions and meet the selection criteria as determined by the Department. The following minimum selection criteria will be followed:

National Senior Certificate (NSC) applicants

Applicants require the following minimum Admission Point Score (APS):

SUBJECTS	APS
Compulsory Subjects	
Mathematics	4
English	4
Life Sciences	4
Any language at home or first additional level	4
Life Orientation	3
2 Additional Subject	3 each
TOTAL	25

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

SOP B 1 B PHARM PROGRAMME (BPRA01)

Selection and Admission Requirements

SOP 1.1.1 National Senior Certificate Applicants

National Senior Certificate (NSC) applicants require the following minimum Admission Point Score (APS) as indicated in Table 1.

The APS for the candidate will be calculated by using the APS grade in Table 2. The candidates will be ranked according their APS.

Table 1 Minimum APS score

Subject	Grade
Life Sciences	5
Mathematics	5
Physical Sciences	5
English	5
Life Orientation	4
Two additional subjects: preferably Accounting & Economics	4 (each)
Total points required (minimum)	32

Table 2. APS points per percentage

APS %	APS Points
90 – 100%	8
80 – 89%	7
70 – 79%	6
60 – 69%	5
50 – 59%	4

SOP B1.1.2 Applicants who left school prior to 2008 (prior to National Senior Certificate)

- (i) Candidates who are in possession of a Matriculation Certificate of the Matriculation Board OR Certificate of Exemption from the Matriculation Examination granted by the Matriculation Board/HESA (Higher Education South Africa, now called USAf (Universities South Africa) with University Exemption must have passed Mathematics and at least two of the following subjects in higher grade (with a minimum symbol D) at matric level: English, Biology, Physiology or Physical Science (Table 3).
- (ii) Candidates with Mathematics in the standard grade level who have achieved an A or B rating may be considered.

Table 3

Symbol	Higher Grade (HG)	Standard Grade (SG)	%
A	8	6	80% +
B	7	5	70-79
C	6		60-69
D	5		50-59

SOP B 1.1.3 Non-South African should obtain the following:

- (I) A-Levels in the following subjects: mathematics, physical science, biology and English
- (II) A Matriculation exemption certificate from the South African Matriculation Board/ Universities South Africa (USAf).

SOP B 1.1.4 Mature Age applicants

Applicants without university exemption who have completed appropriate training within the requirements of the National Qualifications Framework will be considered (e.g. formally trained Post Basic pharmacist assistants, pharmacy technicians) provided that they are in possession of a matriculation certificate with the following subjects: Mathematics, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and English with a minimum APS level of 4 per subject.

SOP B 1.1.5 Graduates

- (i) Graduates with Health Sciences/BSc degrees will be considered only for enrolment into First Year. Graduates with degrees will be given preference over those with diplomas due to the higher National Qualifications Framework (NQF) ranking for a degree
- (ii) Marks obtained during the degree will be scored according to Table 4 below:

Table 4

Percentage obtained	POINTS
≥75	24
70-74	16
65-69	12
60-64	8
55-59	4
≤54	0

- Points are allocated according to the above table to all courses. The points will be summed and divided by the number of courses.
- Candidates with a total of 12 points qualify for selection process.
- Selection is on a competitive basis and a student's average should be 65% in the final year.
- The time to complete the degree is also taken into account. A three or four year Health Sciences/BSc completed in the minimum time: two additional credits (+2)

- Honours Degree: one additional credit if achieved in minimum time (+1).
- Master's Degree: one additional credit if achieved in minimum time (+1)

SOP B 1.1.6 Transfers from SMU and/or other universities

- Applicants with incomplete Health Sciences/BSc degrees will be considered only for enrollment into First Year. Preference will be given to applicants in the final year of their studies.
- Selection is on a competitive basis and a student's average mark should be 65% and above including Matric (Grade 12) results.
- Each application will be considered by the Selection Committee and ranked based on their academic outcomes
- Students with degrees or studying for degrees will be given preference over those with diplomas due to the higher NQF ranking for a degree

SOP B 1.1.7 Selection Process

The B Pharm Selection Committee will screen all candidates who comply with the selection requirements. The candidates will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by the Office of the Registrar.

Successful applicants will be admitted into first year level

General information for registration with the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC): All students admitted to the first year of study must register with the SAPC before 31 March of the relevant year. Please contact the School of Pharmacy for further information.

School of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science (*Extended Curriculum Programme*)

The School offers the following ***extended BSc degree curriculum programmes***

COURSE CODE	PROGRAMME	MAJOR SUBJECTS*
BSCK01	Life Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physiology
BSCL01	Mathematical Sciences	Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Physics
BSCM01	Physical Sciences	Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Mathematics
		* Any Two Majors in Final Year

Admission to BSc-ECP (*Extended Curriculum Programme*)

- An applicant must have obtained
- (a) an NSC with a Bachelor endorsement;
 - (b) a minimum APS of **24**

(c) the following minimum APS per subject:

Subject	Score
English	4
Mathematics	4
Life Science	4
Physical Science	4
<i>Any two other NSC subjects with a minimum NSC score of 4 each</i>	

- SSTB1.2 Admission criteria other than the above shall comply with Rules as described for the **BSc Programme**.
- **SSTB 2** The curriculum for the **BSc-ECP Programme** shall extend over four years and be composed of a combination of modules that include two majors.
- **SSTB 3** The Dean may in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendation of the head of Department exempt a student who is repeating a module from the practical component of that module.

Bachelor of Science (normal)

The School offers the following **BSc curriculum programmes or streams**

COURSE CODE	PROGRAMME	MAJOR SUBJECTS*
BSCG01	Life Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physiology
BSCH01	Mathematical Sciences	Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Physics
BSCI01	Physical Sciences	Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Mathematics
BSCJ01	Occupational & environmental health Sciences	Environmental & Occupational Psychology, Pathophysiology
		* Any Two Majors in Final Year

Admission to BSc Programme

An applicant must have obtained (a) an NSC with a Bachelor endorsement; (b) a minimum APS of **25** and (c) the following minimum APS per subject:

Subject	Score
English	4
Mathematics	5
Life Science	4
Physical Science	4
Any two other NSC subjects with a minimum NSC score of 4 each	

A Senior Certificate with full University Exemption obtained prior to 2008 with a minimum APS (Admission Point Score) of **25** on the following scale:

Senior Certificate Higher Grade	Senior Certificate Standard Grade	APS points
A		7
B	A	6
C	B	5
D	C	4
E	D	3
F	E	2
G	F	1

Having satisfied the admission requirements in SSTB9, and subject to the availability of space, a student must meet the following minimum APS in a relevant subject to be admitted into a stream of choice:

BSc Stream	Course Code	Subject	Score
Life sciences	BSCG01	Life science	5
Mathematical Sciences	BSCH01	Mathematics	5
Physical Sciences	BSCI01	Physical Science	5
Occupational and Environmental Sciences		Life Science	5

SCHOOL OF ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES

1. ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Admission to the School of Oral Health Sciences is gained by competition

- (i) according to a predetermined rating system - comprehensive rating document for all Schools
- (ii) in proportion to population profile percentages
- (iii) first choices will primarily be considered
- (iv) second choices will secondarily be considered if space is available subsequent to the selection of first choice candidates

2. ADMISSION CRITERIA (REQUIRED SUBJECTS) FOR MATRICULANTS INTO BDS, BDT and BOH

A MATRICULANTS PRIOR TO 2008

- (i) **BDS 1:** A matriculation exemption certificate with at least four of the following subjects Mathematics, Physical Science, English, Biology or Physiology or Zoology or Botany with a minimum symbol in Mathematics and Physical Science on HG as E and on SG as C

BDT 1 and BOH 1: A matriculation exemption certificate with at least four of the following subjects Mathematics, Physical Science, English, Biology or Physiology or Zoology or Botany with a minimum symbol in Mathematics, Physical Science and Biology on HG as E and on SG as C

- (ii) To differentiate between applicants with equal MR ratings, priority will be given to those students with ratings obtained for mathematics, physical science, English, and biology/zoology/botany, in that order
- (iii) Selection is based on equal opportunity within each population group as formerly defined (ie. Black, Coloured, Indian, White) according to the demographic profile of the country as determined by the latest census figures. The total number of students in a class to reflect the demographic profile.

B MATRICULANTS FROM 2008

- (i) **BDS 1/B Dent Ther 1/ B Oral Hyg 1:** A National Senior certificate with the following subjects
 - Life Sciences
 - Mathematics
 - Physical Sciences
 - Language of learning and teaching
 - Life orientation
 - 2 Additional subjects
- (ii) Selection is based on equal opportunity within each population group as formerly defined (ie. Black, Coloured, Indian, White) according to the demographic profile of the country as determined by the latest census figures. The total number of students in a class to reflect the demographic profile

3. CREDITS (RATINGS)

A. MATRICULANTS PRIOR TO 2008

(i) **Matriculation Rating (MR)**

A Matriculation Rating (MR) scale according to the following table will be used. This will be applied to the **two best scores** for the following subjects:

- Mathematics (HG = E; SG = C),
- Physical Science (HG = E; SG = C),
- English and
- Biology or Physiology or Zoology or Botany

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Higher grade</u>	<u>Standard grade</u>
A	8	6
B	7	5
C	6	4
D	5	-
E	4	-

(ii) **Cut off point (MR Rating) for consideration of admission**

The following cut-off MR rating will be used as guideline for cut-off for admission into:

-	BDS I	-	12 or higher
-	B Dent Ther I	-	10 or higher
-	B Oral Hyg I	-	10 or higher

B. MATRICULANTS FROM 2008

(i) **BDS 1: At least a minimum rating as follows –**

- Life Sciences 5 (60-69)
- Mathematics 5 (60-69)
- Physical Science 5 (60-69)
- Language of learning and teaching 5 (60-69)
- Life orientation 3 (40-49)
- Additional subject 4 (50-59)
- Additional subject 4 (50-59)

A Matriculation Rating (MR) scale is calculated according to the combination of the following four subjects divided by 2:

- Mathematics

- Physical Science
- English and
- Life Sciences

(ii) **B Dent Ther 1 and B Oral Hyg 1:** At least a minimum rating as follows –

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| • Life Sciences | 4 | (50-59) |
| • Mathematics | 4 | (50-59) |
| • Physical Science | 4 | (50-59) |
| • Language of learning and teaching | 4 | (50-59) |
| • Life orientation | 3 | (40-49) |
| • Additional subject | 3 | (40-49) |
| • Additional subject | 3 | (40-49) |

A Matriculation Rating (MR) scale is calculated according to the combination of the following four subjects divided by 2:

- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- English and
- Life Sciences

4. ADDITIONAL CREDITS TO MR RATING FOR ADMISSION

A APPLICANTS WITH INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS

(i) SMU students who passed the **first year at the first attempt** and **wish to change to BDS** will obtain an additional credit of one point added to MR rating for each distinction obtained in their **first academic year** for

- a full year module
- average of 75% and above for combination of semester modules

(iii) Incomplete degree from SMU who has passed, at the first attempt, all the subjects of the programme **followed with at least two distinctions**. (The academic record to be the determining factor of the academic competence of a candidate)

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B APPLICANTS WITH QUALIFICATIONS

(i) Admission for qualified SMU (Medunsa/UL) dental therapist/oral hygienist into BDS 1 (New curriculum):

a) A limited number of spaces is secured for dental therapists or oral hygienist qualified from SMU. Number of spaces to be determined by the selection committee:

- an average of 60% attained in each assessment / evaluation during the **final year**
- a final mark ranking within the top 5 of each course

(ii) Application from all other graduate and diploma candidates who completed their qualification in the minimum time without failing any module during their academic study period, with the exception of failing a language module during (eg. Zulu, Sepedi, Xhosa) during the academic programme

- a) The matriculation rating (MR) applies (divided in half), to which is added to any additional credits obtained. Students will then be selected according to the final credit rating
- b) A student who has completed a degree/diploma in any of the **relevant oral health sciences** such as B Dent Ther, B Oral Hyg, B Tech, UDOH and Diploma in Dental Technology qualifies for the following credits:
- i) If the three/four year degree was completed in -
- the minimum time: +3
 - one year more than the minimum time: +2
 - two years more than the minimum time: +1
- ii) If the two/three year diploma was completed in -
- the minimum time: +2

- one year more than the minimum time: +1
- c) A student who has completed a degree in any of the **Applied Health Sciences** such as BSc, B Cur, BSc (Physiotherapy), B Rad, B Occ Ther and BSc (Diet) qualifies for the following credits:
 - If the degree was completed in the minimum time: +2
 - If the degree was completed in one year more than the minimum time: +1
- d) A Technikon / University qualified dental assistant will obtain 1 credit added to MR rating + 1
- e) Other degrees (BA, B Com, etc) will be credited as under c) above
- f) For a Honours degree +1
- g) *For a Masters degree +2
- h) *For a PhD degree +4

***Note:** Rating for postgraduate degrees is accumulative and every degree obtained will be credited and not only the highest degree

5. **ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE PLACES IN FIRST YEAR**

- 5.1 Total number of places to be determined according to the personnel budget of the preceding year, to achieve appropriate staff: student ratios and the regulations determined by the HPCSA
- First time repeaters are given automatic places
 - 1 space for a Foreigner from non-SADC countries per degree programme
 - Distribution of space between the categories of applications to be determined by the Selections Committee

Programme	Total number	Matriculants	With Qualifications/incomplete qualifications
BDS	50	35	15 (including repeaters)
B Dent Ther	25	18	7 (including repeaters)
B Oral Hygiene	25	18	7 (including repeaters)