



B PHARM PROGRAMME (BPRA01)

SOP 1.1 SELECTION AND ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

SOP B 1.1.7 Selection Process

Successful applicants will be admitted into first year level. The BPharm Selection Committee will screen all candidates who comply with the selection requirements and the successful candidates will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by the Office of the Registrar.

All applicants will be considered in accordance with the National Demographic profile of the country.

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 to 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) 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.
- (ii) Candidates with Mathematics in the standard grade level who have obtained an A or B symbol 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 pharmacists' assistants, pharmacy technicians) provided that they are in possession of a matriculation certificate with the following subjects: Mathematics, Life Sciences/Biology, 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.
- (ii) Marks obtained during the degree will be scored according to the table 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. Applicants who meet the minimum academic requirements will be invited to the School of Pharmacy to participate in an interview session.
- Selection is on a competitive basis and a student's average should be 60%

- 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 (+2).
- Master's Degree: one additional credit if achieved in minimum time (+2)

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.
- Selection is on a competitive basis and a student's average mark should be 65% and above.
- Each application will be considered by the Selection Committee and ranked based on their academic outcomes

Final selection and the number of spaces are predetermined by the office of Institutional Planning annually, and will be based on the following distribution:

- 80 % of the students comprises of:
 - 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
- 4 % of the students from SADC sponsored by their governments (in terms of their governments agreements, preference to be given to those from Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia)
- 10 % who have completed their first degree at SMU. This includes students from other disciplines. Selection will be based on a calculation of points for each symbol
- 2 % of the students who have completed a first degree at another University
- 2 % of the students who have excelled in BSc or equivalent first year courses at SMU
- 2 % Vice Chancellor/Dean's discretion. These will be applied over and above the numbers offered in exceptional circumstances