

# Start your future career in Opticianry

Diploma in Opticianry



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## YOUR FUTURE SELF

### Future studies

The department is in the process of developing a postgraduate courses.

### Future industries

Successful completion of the Diploma in Opticianry allows you to register with the HPCSA and open your own dispensing practice. You may work independently, or as part of a team of professionals, which may include optometrists and ophthalmologists.

### Future career

Graduate Opticians are equipped to render a professional ophthalmic service within both the private and public health sectors. You may manage and administer human, financial, technical, and other resources to ensure optimal delivery of eye and vision care products or services. Opportunities are available locally and abroad, with recognition of the professional qualification in a number of countries including the SADC community, Trinidad and Tobago, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Canada, and certain states within the USA.



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Do you want to help people see?

A career in this field will offer you the perfect balance between working with people and modern scientific technology.

As an optician, you will interpret and tailor prescriptions for ophthalmic devices in order to correct defects of vision. You will also be equipped to adjust, maintain and repair spectacles and conduct screening for visual defects.

#### YOU WILL LIKE THIS IF

You have strong analytical and communication skills, enjoy working with and helping people, have strong hand-eye coordination for prescription work, be friendly, outgoing and patient, and be able to work under pressure.

#### YOU WILL STUDY AT

District Six Campus

#### YOU WILL STUDY FOR

Three years, full-time

## WHAT YOU NEED

### Minimum Admission Requirements

**National Senior Certificate (Umalusi, Grade 12) with a Diploma pass:**

- English: Home Language or First Additional Language (4)
- Mathematics (3) or Mathematical Literacy (4)
- Physical Sciences (3)
- Life Sciences (3)

The department utilises an Admission Point Score (APS) as selection criteria once your minimum admission requirements are satisfied. You also have to score a minimum of **28** on the APS.

### Additional Admission Requirements

- Completion of a questionnaire.
- An interview, dexterity evaluation and colour vision assessment may form part of the selection process.

#### DISCLAIMER

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. This information is subject to change based on approval and accreditation of HEQSF aligned qualifications during 2018/ 2019. Admission requirements may therefore differ between the existing qualification and the HEQSF aligned qualification. Please consult the CPUT website or faculty for updated information. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this pamphlet; however the University reserves the right at any time, if circumstances require to make changes to any of the published details.

## YOUR SUBJECTS

### FIRST YEAR

- Dispensing Optics 1
- Ophthalmic Lenses 1
- Optics 1
- Visual Optics 1
- General Anatomy & Physiology
- Ocular Anatomy and Pathology
- Applied Opticianry Science 1

### SECOND YEAR

- Dispensing Optics 2
- Ophthalmic Lenses 2
- Environmental Optics 2
- Visual Optics 2
- Practice Management and Ethics 2
- Ocular Anatomy and Pathology 2

### THIRD YEAR

- Research Methods and Project 3
- Opticianry Practice 3: Workplace Learning and Case Portfolio



## Your on-the-job training

This takes on various forms in the course, including Work-directed Theoretical Learning, problem-based case studies and project-based industry and community learning. The department will ensure that clinical and technical training opportunities are available on a number of platforms, including clinics, labs and the Phelophepa Healthcare train.

Workplace-based learning takes place during each year of the course, and many accredited private practices are available for student placement. You will be required to compile a 120-patient case portfolio and pass a final qualifying examination before meeting the professional board requirements.

## HOW TO APPLY



### MANUAL APPLICATIONS

Do you qualify to apply manually?

**Please note:** a non-refundable application fee will be applicable.

- Manual applications are only available to the following persons:
- Applicants applying for RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning)
  - Non-South African citizens
  - South-African citizens with international qualifications
  - Applicants with permanent residence in South Africa
  - Refugee asylum seeker temporary permit/ formal recognition of refugee status in the RSA

- Choose a qualification
- Complete an application form
- Gather your documents (i.e. certified copies less than three months old)
- Fill in the application form
- Pay the application fee
- Hand deliver or post your form and certified copies of documents to our District Six, Bellville, Mowbray, or Wellington Campuses (Admin buildings)
- Follow-up and get your admission status via the online application tracking system by visiting [www.cput.ac.za/study/track](http://www.cput.ac.za/study/track)



### ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Do you qualify to apply online?

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE FREE

The following persons may only apply online, i.e. no manual applications will be allowed:

- South African citizens with South African qualifications
  - Returning students with a break in studies (more than 1-year break)
- Choose your qualification by consulting this brochure or the website
  - Gather your documents (i.e. certified copies less than three months old)
  - Download the online application guide available on our website for information on how to apply online
  - Complete your application online by visiting [www.cput.ac.za/study/apply](http://www.cput.ac.za/study/apply)
  - Follow-up and get your admission status via the online application tracking system by visiting [www.cput.ac.za/study/track](http://www.cput.ac.za/study/track)

TO APPLY ONLINE



TRACK YOUR APPLICATION



ONLINE APPLICATION GUIDE



CLOSING DATES

**31 AUGUST**  
International applicants  
**30 SEPTEMBER**  
South African citizens

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