

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN



ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN COSMETIC FORMULATION SCIENCE

DIVISION OF DERMATOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

NB: This Cosmetic Formulation Science Diploma is an NQL7 qualification. Thus, it is Postgraduate Program that is managed by the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

General information

The Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Formulation Science is the first in South Africa and first to be located within a Division of Dermatology in the world. This is a deliberate choice that aims to reduce the divide between scientists who develop and dermatologists who treat the many adverse effects of cosmetic products. The teaching is a careful balance between solid cosmetic science knowledge and hands-on cosmetic industry experience (80% of the time). The Dermatology contribution to the program intends to sensitize students to deleterious health effects that cosmetic products can have on consumers.

Introduction

- 1-year full-time program
- Blended program with a 6-week block in January & 6-week block in June spent on campus at the Hair & Skin Research Lab, Observatory, Cape Town
- 8 months block at hosting cosmetic companies for practical hands-on experience
- Students will, preferably, be placed at companies in their home province (subject to availability).
- Collaboration with the Services Sector Education and Training Authority (SSETA) for industry placement.

Aim

To produce graduates that are ready and equipped for product formulation in personal care manufacturing companies as: product developers, cosmetic formulators, R&D chemists or as entrepreneurs in the cosmetic industry.

Modules

- (1) Scientific Principles of Cosmetic Formulations
- (2) Cosmetic Formulation Technology
- (3) Hair and Skin Biology for the Cosmetic Formulator
- (4) Cosmetic: Claims, Regulations and Ethics
- (5) Professional Communication and Project Management for Cosmetic Scientists

Admission requirements

To be admitted into the programme, students should have a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or equivalent qualification with Chemistry 3/Biochemistry 3 (preferable) or Chemistry 2/Biochemistry 2.

Non-degree applicants with Chemistry 2/Biochemistry 2 AND relevant work experience (at least 2 years) may be considered subject to availability of space.

All applicants should submit a CV and motivation letter with their application for the diploma.

National Benchmark Test (NBT): Not required.

Application process

For 2021 intake: All applications must be submitted online
Applications open 1 April 2020

Closing date for applications is 31 August 2020

1. **Apply on-line using this link:**
<http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/apply/forms>
2. **Upload copies of your:**
 - Final Grade 12 results
 - University Academic records, degree certificate(s)
 - Updated CV and a motivation letter explaining how the diploma will help your career
3. **Post certified copies of academic records AND certificates to:** UCT's Undergraduate Admissions Office, Private Bag X3, Rondebosch, 7701

January block

18 January 2021 – 26 February 2021

Venue

Hair & Skin Research Lab, Old Main Building, Grooten Schuur Hospital, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925

Queries with online submission: fhs-ug-admiss@uct.ac.za or telephone 021 406-6328 or 021 406-6347

Costs

Available on the UCT website: www.uct.ac.za

Financial Assistance

Scholarships and bursaries:

Postgraduate Funding office at www.pgfo.uct.ac.za

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