

# 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
- 6 – 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 considered for the programme, students must have obtained:

- a BSc or equivalent with Chemistry 3
- or a degree with Biochemistry 3 (students with Biochemistry 3 need to have at least Chemistry 2 to be eligible for admission)
- or a partially completed/ non-degree with Chemistry 2 and relevant work experience

Offers in this program are made 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 2022 intake: All applications must be submitted online. Applications open 1 May 2021.

**Closing date for applications is 31 August 2021.**

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

17 January 2022 – 25 February 2022

### Venue

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

Queries with online submission: [fhs-ug-admiss@uct.ac.za](mailto: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](http://www.uct.ac.za)

### Financial Assistance

Scholarships and bursaries:

Postgraduate Funding office at [www.pgfo.uct.ac.za](http://www.pgfo.uct.ac.za)

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