



UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

2026 APPLICATIONS



APPLY HERE

OPENING DATE: 02 April 2025
CLOSING DATE: 30 September 2025

*APPLICATIONS FOR BACHELORS OF DENTISTRY
AND ORAL HEALTH CLOSES ON 31 AUGUST 2025

2026 Applications Overview

Applications Received
48 503

Qualifying Applicants
15 863

Finally Selected
4 389



IMPORTANT

Applicants are not required to pay an application fee

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Applicants must have a valid email address in order to apply online. All communication from the University in regards to your application will be sent via email. Should you not have a valid email address you can create an email account using Gmail, Yahoo Mail or any other email provider you may prefer. In order for your application to be considered **COMPLETE**, you must successfully complete the online application form as well as submit and upload all required documentation.



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GENERAL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR 2026

The minimum admissions requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) Bachelors pass – an achievement rating of 4 (adequate achievement 50-59%) or better in four subjects chosen from the recognised 20 credit NSC subjects (known as the designated subject list).



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UWC POINTS SYSTEM

For admission to degree and diploma programmes, UWC uses a weighted system for calculating points. In order to be admitted to degree studies, the candidate should have attained a minimum number of points.



In addition to minimum point score requirements as mentioned above, additional criteria must be met to qualify for admission to particular study programmes. Check out the programme specific points requirements:

[ADMISSION CRITERIA 2026](#)

Applying to Study at UWC for 2026

1 PREPARATION – KNOW WHAT TO STUDY?

Browse our academic programmes <https://www.uwc.ac.za/Pages/AllProgrammes.aspx> to see if UWC offers a programme you're interested in. Check the administration requirements to make sure you will qualify for the programme. Do the PACE programme online and identify the careers you are best suited for.

2 GETTING READY TO APPLY

Make sure you have the following documentation and information with you before you start your online application: ID/Passport number, valid email address, active cell numbers, school address, contact details of your parent/guardian. Please make sure your email and cell number is entered correctly.

3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements are the minimum academic standards that the University requires in order to consider you for entry into one of our degree programmes. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee you a place. Competition for most of our degrees is high and demand for places generally exceeds the number of available space. Final selection is made subject to the availability of space in a specific programme, academic results and other entry requirements where applicable.

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4 STARTING YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

Start your application by going to the online application portal on the university website, and creating a new application. If you are a current matriculant you must select "Undergraduate Programme". Make sure your email address and cell number are correct as UWC will communicate with you via these two methods.

Once you have completed the online form click "ACCEPT" to complete your application. For possible placement in University Residence complete section 3.

5 SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Complete the online application form by going to <https://www.uwc.ac.za/Students/Admin/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

6 You will receive an acknowledgement letter via email confirming your application submission. Carefully read the acknowledgement letter. Keep your **Application Number** safe as you will need to use to check on your application status or if you wish to update your details. For enquiries or assistance call our Admissions Office or Contact Centre at 021 959 3900/01.

WHAT NEXT?

7 The university will notify all current grade 12 applicants on their final selection in January 2026 once matric results are released. All other applicants will be notified by mid December 2025.

FEES AND FUNDING

8 Our fees section provides a list of the average tuition fees for the first year of study according to degree:

<https://www.uwc.ac.za/Pages/AllProgrammes.aspx>.

(Fees indicated are for the 2025 Academic year and is subject to change in 2026). For more detailed information you may request a fee quotation by clicking the link below:

<https://quote.uwc.ac.za/default>

Applications for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) are not handled by the University. Please click <https://my.nsfas.org.za/mynsfas/selfservice.html> to access the NSFAS website and apply direct.



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Applying online process

STEP 1

APPLY ONLINE

- To apply online, go to: <https://www.uwc.ac.za/Students/Admin/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>
- You may apply for a maximum of TWO programme choices
- Try to keep your options open, especially when applying for programmes in Faculties such as Dentistry, Community and Health Sciences and Law



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STEP 2

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION

- After completion of the online application form you will receive a letter via email from the University acknowledging receipt of your application
- The acknowledgment letter will contain your APPLICANT NUMBER
- This applicant number is to be used in all communication with the University
- You will also receive a brochure indicating the SUPPORTING documents that you will need to submit to the University by the application closing dates for your application to be considered complete

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STEP 3

UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- To upload supporting documents, go to <http://studentdocumentupload.uwc.ac.za/> complete the form and upload required documents
- **Current Matriculants**, do not need to upload any supporting documentation
- **Already Matriculated:** Upload your matric certificate/ foreign school leaving certificate.
- **Attending Another Tertiary Institution:** Upload a certified copy of your academic record and certificate of good conduct, stamped by the institution's registrar.

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STEP 4

OFFER TO STUDY

- Successful applicants will receive communication via email offering a firm place and information about registration and orientation for **2026**
- Once a FIRM/FINAL offer is received, applicants will be required to ACCEPT the offer within the designated time
- Should you not ACCEPT your offer in the designated period you will forfeit your place to study (your offer will expire)
- You may however, call or email the UWC Contact Centre and enquire as to whether your offer is still available even after it has expired and have it accepted on your behalf
- Applicants who have accepted their offers will receive communication via email informing them about registration and orientation for **2026**



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CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT YOUR CHOICE OF STUDY?

- Do not submit a new application
- Check with the Contact Centre if you may change your programme choice
- Should your contact details change please contact the UWC Contact Centre and update your details



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Documents Required



CURRENT MATRICULANTS

(You are in Grade 12 in 2025). You are not required to submit any documentation.



POST-MATRIC LEARNERS (Already Matriculated)

If you have written the NSC examination already, you need to submit the following:

- Certified copy of your NSC certificate or Senior Certificate
- Certified copy of your identification document
- Proof of any studies with academic records, if applicable, you may have completed
- If applicable, proof that you are currently improving your NSC results
- In an affidavit a brief description of activities post-matric/NSC
- Applicants who are re-writing Grade 12 subjects, applications will be processed on the current grade 12 results. If Grade 12 has been written more than once then your combined results must be submitted with your application. Applicant must indicate if they are re-writing some of their NSC subjects

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TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you are applying from another institution of higher learning you need to submit certified copies of the following:

- NSC Certificate or Senior Certificate
- Identification document
- Conduct Certificate from your institution
- Official Academic Transcript
- Module content / Yearbook descriptor from your institution for all modules completed
- Degree certificate (if applicable)

Students applying for readmission to UWC

If you have studied at UWC previously and have taken a break in study, you need to provide a letter of motivation to be considered for readmission to your respective faculty.



Documents Required



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- You need to submit your final school results to Universities South Africa (USAF) for an evaluation.
- Application for Exemption is to be done with Universities South Africa (USAF) formerly Higher Education South Africa (HESA) using the following link: <http://mbit-application.hesa.org.za/assessment>
- We unfortunately will not be able to respond to your application until you submit a confirmation letter issued by USAf stating that you qualify to study at a South African University.
- Certified copy of your passport or Refugee Permit.
- High School Qualifications

NB: B.Nursing applicants will be required to provide SAQA Evaluation Certificate for professional Registration

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POST GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Certified copy of identification document
- Certified copy of Passport (International Applicants only)
- Official Academic Transcripts/record of results (All applicants)
- Certified copies of degree certificates (All applicants)
- SAQA Evaluation Certificate (Applicants with International Qualifications only)
- Short Curriculum Vitae (CV) (All applicants)
- One page letter of motivation (All applicants)
- Short research intention (Master and Doctoral applicants only)



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FAQs



What procedures do I follow if have not received a response from the University? 🤖

You may call the UWC Contact Centre on 021 959 23900/01 to enquire or email admissions@uwc.ac.za.



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Do I get credits for courses offered at colleges? 🤖

You may enquire at the relevant faculty to verify credit applications for courses completed at another tertiary institution.



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Do I need to apply again if I have applied the previous year and have not been accepted? 🤖

Yes, an applicant is required to fill out another application form for each academic year.



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Sports



UWC Sport Builds and profiles the image of the University through the support of both competitive and campus recreation sport as a contributor to the holistic development of the students and staff of the University.

SPORT CODES ON OFFER:

Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Netball, Rugby, Boxing, Chess, DanceSport, Hockey, Rowing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Hiking, Karate, Squash, Supa-Pool, Tennis & UWC Gym

CONTACT

Contact Person: Skhu Nkomphela

Email: snkomphela@uwc.ac.za or sport@uwc.ac.za

Tel: +27 21 959 2023



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Residential Services



About a quarter of the students at UWC are in university residences. The Residential and Catering Services Office allocates and manages accommodation in university residences for about 5800 full-time UWC students. Applicants for places (or for readmission to residence at the beginning of a new year) must be in good academic and financial standing and have a clean disciplinary record. Details of what these requirements mean are available on request.

CONTACT

Tel: 021 959-2999

Fax: 021 959-2671

Email: resservices1@uwc.ac.za



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Students with Disabilities



The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSwD) is the central campus resource for disabled students who wish to request academic accommodations. In collaboration with students, faculties and departments, we coordinate accommodations and support to ensure equal access, promote awareness, as well as providing an individualised support structure for students with disabilities within the UWC community.

CONTACT

Centre for Student Services, University of the Western Cape
Robert Sobukwe Road, Bellville

Tel: 021 959-4170

E-mail: oswd@uwc.ac.za

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UWC's Recent Achievements



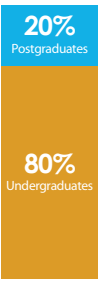
UWC IN NUMBERS

NUMBER OF STUDENTS



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BREAKDOWN



7 FACULTIES

- ARTS
- COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SCIENCES
- DENTISTRY
- ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
- EDUCATION
- LAW
- NATURAL SCIENCES



RESEARCH COMMUNITY

The South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) is designed to attract and retain excellence in research and innovation at South African public universities.

Five UWC researchers have achieved National Research Foundation A-ratings, recognising them as leading international researchers.

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5 A-RATED RESEARCHERS



RANKINGS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

TOP 10

UWC has consistently been ranked in the top 10 universities in South Africa.

TOP 200

UWC was placed in the top 200 in the world for its Astronomy and Physics.

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CONTACT US

For more information about:

- Bursaries or financial aid contact us at:
Financial aid office on (021) 959 9753/ 959 2737
Edu-Loan Office on (021) 959 3104
- Residence fees contact us at:
Residential Services on (021) 959 2569

Online applications available on UWC

Website: www.uwc.ac.za

For more information about applications call us on
(021) 959 3900/1/2 or visit us at www.uwc.ac.za

USEFUL CONTACTS

UWC Contact Centre	021 959 3900/01/02
Financial Aid Helpdesk	021 959 9753
Student Credit Management Helpdesk	021 959 3558

Faculty Helpdesk:

Faculty of Arts	021 959 2152
Faculty of Community and Health Sciences	021 959 2852
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences	021 959 3164
Faculty of Law	021 959 3291
Faculty of Dentistry	021 937 3000
Faculty of Natural Sciences	021 959 3426
Faculty of Education	021 959 2276

Kovacs UWC Student Village	021 959 9500
Residence	021 959 2569
Library	021 959 2073
University Exchange	021 959 2911
Centre for Student Support Services	021 959 2299
Student Enrolment Management Unit	021 959 2405



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**ADMISSIONS
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**CAREER
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