
RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERY : ENROLMENT

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The application and admissions processes are currently underway at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). The University has received approximately 61 500 applications. There are approximately 9 000 first-year places at undergraduate level.

The most popular choices are the Health Sciences, Education and Social Work.

As one of the largest contact universities in the country, UKZN can accommodate an estimated 43 000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in an academic year.

The University promotes access to learning that will expand educational and employment opportunities for all. Targets are in place to train an increased number of African doctors to address the health needs in the rural areas. In this regard the Medical School aims to enroll 69% Black Africans, 19% Indians, 9% Coloureds and 3% White students. UKZN has developed innovative Alternative Access and Academic Support programmes to cater for both prospective and registered students whose academic potential was not realized due to disadvantaged educational backgrounds.

Students apply via the Central Applications Office. If the applicants Grade 11 marks or midyear/trial grade 12 results far exceed the minimum requirements, early offers may be made. However, all the entrance requirements in the final grade 12 examinations must be met. Other applications are considered after the official release of the Grade 12 results. Applicants who meet all the entrance requirements are offered places on academic merit. Application numbers, however, far exceed the number of spaces available and admission is highly competitive.

Registration and orientation will take place from the 30 January until the 4 February. The medical school's registration will commence earlier on the 26 January.

Students can register online and this facility can be accessed off-campus as well as on-campus. However, first year students who wish to use this service are advised to come onto campus where assistance on the use of this facility will be provided.

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