Emeris

IIE Higher Certificate in Communication Practices

Faculty of Humanities

1 Year Distance Honours | NQF Level 5 | 120 Credits
SAQA ID: 112899| HCCP0501

→ Online

Qualification Description

The IIE's Higher Certificate in Communication Practices will provide students with foundational knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools, and practical techniques applicable to English Language and Communication Practices. The qualification will also expose students to the importance of effective communication by equipping them with skills to gather, process, produce and present information in professional settings.

The distance mode of study is ideal for anyone who prefer not to attend full-time lectures but still want to pursue a higher education qualification in the above-mentioned disciplines.

As an IIE distance student you will receive all your support online from a dedicated team of Emeris lecturers.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

Through the focus on design and problem-solving skills, digital and academic literacies, orientation to media studies, with a work integrated experiential learning requirement, this higher certificate will provide an employee with a competitive edge in their workplace, as well as serving as a pathway into an IIE Bachelor of Arts or IIE Bachelor of Social Science Degree. Prospective students coming from matric who do not meet the admission requirements for the Education Degrees can enrol in the IIE Higher Certificate in Communication Practice in the Education discipline.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

• Engage with subject material
• Build understanding
• Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
• Manage your work, life and studies
• Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

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Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English
	NSC: HC pass with	30%
	NC(V): HC pass with	40%
	SC: Endorsement with - none with	33.3%
	SC(a): HC pass with	A minimum of 30% in LOLT in NSC/ SC(a) OR with a min. of 33.3% in SC.
	International	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC Level 4 equivalence with at least 30% or equivalent for English.

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please reach out to a Student Advisor.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate *If applicable.

Curriculum Outline

Core Discipline	Major Subjects
Communication Science	APCT5131, COSC5121, DIAL5111, ENLP5111, DTPS5111, ENLP5112, FOMS5112, XCOP5112
Education	APCT5131, COSC5121, DIAL5111, ENLP5111, FALN5112, FALX5112, FALZ5112, FAFR5112, DTPS5111, MAFU5112, XCOP5112

Curriculum Structure

Communication Science:

The Communication Science pathway is for students who want to develop foundational skills in communication to prepare for further studies or entry-level roles in communication-related fields.

Year 1			
Semester 1			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15
COSC5121	Communication Science 1A: Interpersonal Communication	5	15
DIAL5111	Digital and Academic Literacies	5	15
ENLP5111	English Language Practice A	5	15
Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
DTPS5111	Design Thinking and Problem-Solving	5	15
ENLP5112	English Language Practice B	5	15
FOMS5112	Fundamentals of Media Studies	5	15
XCOP5112	Work Integrated Learning	5	15

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Curriculum Structure

Education:

The Education pathway is intended to support students who do not currently meet the requirements to register for BEd programmes. Students are advised to refer to the BEd entry requirements for further guidance.

	Year 1		
	Semester 1		
Code	**Module Name**	**NQF**	**Credits**
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15
COSC5121	Communication Science 1A: Interpersonal Communication	5	15
DIAL5111	Digital and Academic Literacies	5	15
ENLP5111	English Language Practice A	5	15
	Semester 2		
Code	**Module Name**	**NQF**	**Credits**
DTPS5111	Design Thinking and Problem-Solving	5	15
MAFU5112	Mathematics Fundamentals	5	15
XCOP5112	Work Integrated Learning	5	15
Electives for Education discipline:			
***First Additional Languages** (Students will choose one module only)			
Code	**Module Name**	**NQF**	**Credits**
FALN5112	First Additional Language Northern Sotho	5	15
FALX5112	First Additional Language isiXhosa	5	15
FALZ5112	First Additional Language isiZulu	5	15
FAFR5112	First Additional Language Afrikaans	5	15

*Language offers are campus dependent.

Further Study Pathways

For the **Faculty of Humanities,** the IIE Higher Certificate in Communication Practices qualification allows you to articulate the two qualifications below should you meet the requirements:

- IIE Bachelor of Arts
- IIE Bachelor of Social Science

For the **Faculty of Education,** completing the education core discipline modules on the IIE Higher Certificate in Communication Practices qualification allows you to articulate the two qualifications below should you meet the requirements:

- IIE Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching
- IIE Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching

For alternative articulation options within our other Faculties please contact your campus for further information.

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Career Opportunities

Communication Discipline:

- Internal/external communications assistant
- Junior Copyeditor
- Social Media Assistant/Analyst
- Digital Media Marketing
- Customer Liaison Officer
- Front Desk Receptionist
- Office Administrator

Education Discipline:

Teaching Assistant/Tutor with responsibilities such as:

- Assist qualified teachers in classrooms
- Offer tutoring in Maths or English (especially at primary or high school level)
- Work in after-school programs or homework centers

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 8 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for IIE students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 8 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 1 year. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no IIE campus. If there is no IIE campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-IIE venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of an IIE Distance (Online) Qualification?

The IIE's distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.

- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.

- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.

- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.

- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.

- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.

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