

**THE TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITIES**



# **BACHELOR'S DEGREE ADMISSION CRITERIA**



## 1.0 Who is eligible to apply?

- (i) Form Six Leavers;
- (ii) Holders of Ordinary Diplomas, FTC, and their equivalences;
- (iii) Holders of Foundation Certificate of the Open University of Tanzania; and
- (iv) Holders of Bachelor's Degree award.

## 2.0 What are the Procedures?

All applicants should:

- i. Carefully read and understand the admission requirements provided in the Admission Guidebooks;
- ii. Lodge their applications directly through respective institutions;

### NB:

All applicants holding foreign qualifications **must** have their qualifications validated and equated by NECTA or NACTVET for certificates of secondary education and teacher education; and for Technical Education in respect of NTA Level 6 /Diploma qualifications respectively.

## 3.0 Minimum Admission Entry Qualifications

The minimum entry qualifications for Admission into Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for all Bachelor's Degree programmes are indicated in Tables 1, 2 and 3:

**Table 1: Minimum Admission Entry Qualifications**

NO.	CATEGORY OF APPLICANTS	MINIMUM ADMISSION ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS
1.	Completed A-Level studies before 2014	Two principal passes with a total of <b>4.0</b> points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B = 4; C = 3; D = 2; E = 1).
2.	Completed A-Level studies in 2014 and 2015	Two principal passes ( <b>C and above</b> ) with a total of 4.0 points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B+ = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1). <b>Grade 'D' is not considered as a principal pass in this category.</b>
3.	Completed A -Level studies from 2016	Two principal passes with a total of <b>4.0</b> points from Two Subjects defining the admission into the respective programme (where A = 5; B = 4; C = 3;

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		D = 2; E = 1).
4.	Equivalent applicants	<p>At least four O'-Level passes (Ds and above) or NVA Level III with less than four O'-Level passes or equivalent foreign qualifications as established by either NECTA or VETA; AND</p> <p>i) At least a GPA of 3.0 for Ordinary Diploma (NTA Level 6); OR</p> <p>ii) Average of C for Full Technician Certificate (FTC) (where A=5, B=4, C=3, and D=2 points); OR</p> <p>iii) Average of 'B' Grade for Diploma in Teacher Education; OR</p> <p>iv) Average of 'B' Grade for Health-related awards such as Clinical Medicine and others; OR</p> <p>v) A Distinction for unclassified diplomas and certificates.</p> <p>vi) Upper Second Class for classified non-NTA diplomas.</p>
5.	Foundation Programme of the OUT	<p><b>A GPA of 3.0</b> accumulated from six core subjects and at least a <b>C</b> grade from three subjects in respective cluster (Arts, Science and Business Studies)</p> <p><b>PLUS</b></p> <p>An Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination with <b>at least 1.5</b> Points from two subjects</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>An Ordinary Diploma from the recognized institution with a <b>GPA of at least 2.0</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>NTA level 5</b> /Professional Technician Level II certificate.</p>

**Table 2: Minimum Entry Requirements for Health-Related Programmes:  
Direct Entrants**

S/N	Degree Programme	Entry Requirements
1.	Doctor of Medicine (MD/MBBS)	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Chemistry, Biology and Physics</b> .
2.	Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Chemistry, Biology and Physics</b> .
3.	Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Chemistry, Biology and Physics</b> .
4.	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (BMLS)	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> .
5.	Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Technology (BSc RTT)	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> .
6.	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)	<b>Three</b> principal passes in <b>Chemistry, Biology</b> and either <b>Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition</b> with a minimum of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition</b> .
7.	Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health Sciences (BSc EHS)	<b>Three</b> principal passes in <b>Chemistry, Biology</b> and either <b>Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition or Geography or Agriculture</b> with a minimum of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics or Mathematics or Nutrition or Geography or Agriculture</b> .

S/N	Degree Programme	Entry Requirements
8.	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences in: (i) Clinical Chemistry (ii) Hematology and Blood Transfusion (iii) Histotechnology (iv) Microbiology and Immunology (v) Parasitology and Medical Entomology and, (vi) Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences General.	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> .
9.	Bachelor of Sciences in Health Laboratory and Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> .
10.	Bachelor of Science in Optometry	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Chemistry/Mathematics</b> .
11.	Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry, and Biology</b> with minimum entry of <b>6</b> points; i.e. an applicant <b>must</b> have at least <b>C</b> grade in <b>Chemistry</b> and at least <b>D</b> grade in <b>Biology</b> and <b>E</b> grade in <b>Physics</b> .
12.	Bachelor of Science in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics	Three principal passes in <b>Chemistry, Biology</b> and either <b>Physics</b> or <b>Advanced Mathematics</b> or <b>Nutrition</b> or <b>Geography</b> or <b>Agriculture</b> with a minimum of 6 points, whereby one must have at least a C grade in Chemistry or Nutrition or Agriculture or Biology

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13.	Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics	Three principal passes in <b>Chemistry, Biology</b> and either <b>Physics or Advanced Mathematics or Nutrition or Geography or Agriculture</b> with a minimum of 6 points, whereby one must have at least a C grade in Chemistry or Nutrition or Agriculture or Biology.
14.	Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering	Three principal passes in <b>Physics, Chemistry</b> and <b>Advanced Mathematics</b> with minimum of 8 points: A minimum of C grade in <b>Advanced Mathematics</b> and <b>Physics</b> and a minimum of D grade in <b>Chemistry</b> . In addition, an applicant <b>must</b> have a minimum of C grade in <b>Biology</b> at O-Level.

S/N	Degree Programme	Entry Requirements
1.	<b>All Health-Related Programmes</b>	All equivalent applicants must have a relevant Diploma or Advanced Diploma with an average of "B" or a minimum GPA of 3.0 as approved by TCU and/or NACTVET.
2.	Bachelor of Science in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics and Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics.	Diploma in Clinical Medicine, Agriculture, Nutrition, Environmental Health, Nursing or Midwifery with an average of "B+" or a minimum GPA of 3.5. In addition, an applicant <b>must</b> have a minimum of "D" grade in any five non-religious subjects <b>at O-Level</b> .

**NOTE:**

1. A holder of a Bachelor Degree award shall be eligible for admission into another degree programme provided the admitting University has such provision in the student admission guidelines;

2. As part of outreach programmes, every University shall be allowed to offer certificate and diploma programmes in its relevant academic disciplines for the purposes of contributing to professional development and life-long learning initiatives of the citizens;
3. The minimum entry requirements for admission into ordinary diploma programmes/certificate (UQF Level 6) in any University shall be:
  - (a). Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A-Level) with at least one Principal level pass relevant to the discipline/programme applied AND at least four passes ('D's and above) at O- Level excluding religious subjects;
  - (b). NTA Level 5 or Professional Technician Certificate Level II AND at least four passes ('D's and above) at O- Level excluding religious subjects;
4. In admitting Tanzanian applicants with foreign certificates every University shall vet the level of the foreign qualifications used in applying for admission with the national equivalences (NECTA and NACTVET) before processing the application.
5. Foreign applicants should apply directly to Tanzanian universities via the respective universities' admission systems. Universities shall tailor their online admission systems to directly receive applications from foreign applicants and process them separately from local applications.
6. It is the responsibility of the admitting university to verify the authenticity of the foreign certificates.





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