NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY – GEORGE CAMPUS AT SAASVELD
School of Natural Resource Management

NMMU’s George Campus at Saasveld is a firm favourite among students wishing to specialise in Forestry or Wood Technology because of its beautiful setting, natural surroundings and rich forestry history. The campus itself is surrounded by commercial forests, creating a perfect background for integrating academic training and practical experience to enable students to enjoy broad exposure to the industry and its practices.

Saasveld offers a three-year, six semester Forestry Diploma programme that consists of four academic semesters at Saasveld and two practical, in-field semesters at an approved forestry estate in southern Africa or elsewhere.

The BTech Degree (full time: one year or part time: two years), which is perfect for foresters wishing to specialise in specific disciplines such as engineering, silviculture and forestry management, is also available at Saasveld.

Further study opportunities in Forestry at Saasveld include the MTech or DTech Degree programmes.

The integration of sound management and technological skills at the George Campus at Saasveld provides students with a solid grounding for an existing career in the forest product industry.

A three-year Wood Technology Diploma programme; as well as a BTech Degree (full time: one year or part time: two years) in the same discipline is also offered at Saasveld.

The programme was recently rearranged to accommodate parallel running courses in Primary Timber Processing and Furniture Production. A National Diploma in Wood Technology will be awarded for either course, but the learner will have to choose between electives in primary processing or furniture production.

The George Campus at Saasveld prides itself on the fact that its academic programmes more than adequately equips its students to satisfy the needs of the Forestry and Wood Technology industry.

**National Diploma – Forestry: Entrance Requirements**

Minimum admission requirements for the National Diploma programme:

Compulsory:
- 28 APS (Admissions Points Score)
- English (Home language / First additional language) – NSC level 3
- Mathematics – NSC level 2 or Mathematical Literacy – NSC level 5

Recommended:
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences

*If you have Maths Literacy instead of Maths, additional modules may be added to the programme, which will extend the length of the programme*

**National Diploma – Wood Technology: Entrance Requirements**

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Compulsory:
- 28 APS (Admissions Points Score)
- English (Home language / First additional language) – NSC level 3
- Mathematics – NSC level 3 or Mathematical Literacy – NSC level 5
- Physical Sciences – NSC level 2
BTech – Forestry

The B Tech degree is presented as a full-time course over a one year study period or part-time over two years. The programme includes formal lectures, self study, research projects and a management plan. A wide variety of electives support the core subjects.

BTech – Forestry: Entrance Requirements

Prospective students must be in possession of a National Diploma: Forestry or an equivalent qualification. Both academic achievement and relevant experience will be taken into consideration when admitting students.

BTech – Wood Technology

The BTech degree is presented as either a full-time course over a one year study period or a two year part time course. The programme includes formal lectures, self study and research projects. A wide variety of electives support the core subjects.

BTech – Wood Technology: Entrance Requirements

Prospective students must be in possession of a National Diploma: Wood Technology or an equivalent qualification. Both academic achievement and relevant experience will be taken into consideration when admitting students.

Postgraduate studies

M Tech – Forestry

Further studies are possible in the form of a research based thesis. The entrance qualification is a suitable degree at the BTech level.

D Tech – Forestry

Doctorate studies are possible as the D Tech degree is available as a research based dissertation. Entrance requirements are a relevant M+5 qualification in a forestry related field.

M Tech – Wood Technology

Further studies are possible in the form of a research based thesis. The entrance qualification is a suitable degree at the BTech level.

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