

# FACT SHEET

## Short Learning Programme (SLP)

- Media Studies Gateway Short Learning Programme (Programme code: BMHGATE1)
- Minimum of sixty-one (61) credits at NQF (HEQSF) Level 5, plus 5 DP Credits at NQF Level 4
- Aligned to Boston Media House *Diploma in Media Practices* programme (SAQA ID 83166, NQF (HEQSF) Level 6, minimum Credits 362, plus 5 DP Credits at NQF Level 4)

## What is the Duration of Study?

Based on the credits and notional hours of this short learning programme, the minimum duration is five (5) months and the maximum duration is ten (10) months.

## What is the Purpose of the Short Learning Programme?

Many adult and young-adult learners who have not achieved a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification can benefit from higher education.

In keeping with the objectives of the NQF the Department of Higher Education & Training supports wider and more diverse access to higher education. At present, institutional admission policies must allow for alternative routes of entry that are equivalent to the NSC standard, including the assessment of an adult learner's capacity to benefit from a particular programme by recognition of prior learning (RPL) or other means. This SLP covers a range of social, economic and educational purposes, including access to higher education, skills development, continuing professional development, personal fulfilment and social development and citizenship.

## What are the Programme Outcomes?

On completion of the SLP, candidates will have the necessary knowledge and practical skills required to:

- Gain admission to the Boston Media House *Diploma in Media Practices* programme based on an average score of 60% across all SLP subjects.
- Use media specific science and technology.
- Understand the mutual influence between culture and media.
- **Learners may not be admitted to the Boston Media House *Bachelor of Business Administration in Media Operations Management* programme via participation in this SLP.**

## Minimum Entry Requirements

The following categories of learners are eligible for admission into the SLP

- Category 1: applicants aged 18 or older with a Grade 12 certificate and endorsement for admission to *Higher Certificate* programmes only.
- Category 2: applicants aged 23 or older with a Grade 12 certificate and no endorsement for admission to higher education programmes.

## Alternative Entry Requirements

Not applicable

## Foreign Applicants

Students who have qualifications from foreign higher education institutions must present an equivalence certificate from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) which can be contacted on +27 (0)12 431 5070 or visit <http://www.saqa.org.za/>.

## Applying to Transfer-in Credits (CAT)

Credit transfers into this programme are not possible.

### RPL Applicants

As this SLP acts as an access (RPL) pathway into higher education studies, no students will be admitted to this SLP through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) as per the stipulations of the Minimum Entry Requirements (see above).

### What is the language of teaching and learning?

English is the language of communication, instruction and assessment.

### What is the mode of delivery?

Contact learning.

### What is the Curriculum?

The *Media Studies Gateway Short Learning Programme* consists of sixty-one (61) compulsory credits; and five (5) due performance (DP) credits. See Table 1 below.

**Table 1:**

\*2016 prices will be available later in the year and will likely increase between 6% - 10%  
DP = Due Performance

Subjects	Code	2015 Price*	NQF Level	Credits	Compulsory	Assessments: Formative + Summative
MS Windows, Word, Excel, PowerPoint	MSW1 MWD1 MEX1 MPP1	R 1 620.00	4	DP (5)	Yes	75% = DP
Academic Literacy 1	ADL1	R 5 184.00	5	16	Yes	1 + 1
Marketing 1	MKT1	R 4 860.00	5	15	Yes	1 + 1
Advertising 1	ADV1	R 4 860.00	5	15	Yes	1 + 1
Radio Broadcasting 1	RAD1	R 4 860.00	5	15	Yes	1 + 1
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>61 (+5DP)</b>		

### How many subjects can I take each semester?

Minimum is one (1) subject per semester, this will ensure students remain academically active. The maximum number of subjects you can take in any one semester is dependent on the number of credits per subject. It is not recommended for students to take in excess of sixty-six (66) credits per semester. For the number of credits per subject see curriculum above.

### What do I require to Pass a Subject?

Students will need an aggregate mark of fifty percent (50%) to pass a subject.

### How is the Overall Mark Calculated?

The aggregate (overall) mark will be calculated from the student's performance on differently weighted formative and summative assessments.

### **What materials will I require to Study?**

Boston will provide timetables, subject outlines and textbooks or readers for each subject. Students are however required to purchase their own stationery/consumables as required.

### **Where do I complete my Assessments?**

All students must complete their assessments at the campus where they are registered.

### **Can I further my studies when I graduate?**

Candidates may apply for admission (with advanced placement) to the Boston Media House *Diploma in Media Practices* programme under the institution's recognition of prior learning (RPL) policy.

Learners entering this programme must be aware that this is an internally recognised access programme for consideration for future admission to the *Diploma in Media Practices* programme. Your final admission to the *Diploma in Media Practices* programme is dependent on you securing an average pass of 60% calculated across all subjects of this *Media Studies Gateway Short Learning Programme* and making a recognition of prior learning (RPL) application for admission to the *Diploma in Media Practices*.

Should you complete the *Media Studies Gateway Short Learning Programme* with less than a 60% average pass, you will be issued with an academic record of your achievement and a Certificate of Competence if you pass all subjects of the programme but you will not be admitted to the Boston Media House *Diploma in Media Practices* programme.

**NB: Please note that since each higher education institution is responsible for establishing their own access pathways (i.e. over and above the admissions criteria set down by Higher Education South Africa), access to Diploma studies via this short learning programme is restricted to Boston Media House only and your acceptance to the Boston Media House *Diploma in Media Practices* programme (NQF Level 6, SAQA ID 83166, minimum 362 credits) will not be transferrable to a Higher Certificate or Diploma programme at another institution.**

### **Certification**

Upon successful completion of the SLP, students will receive the *Media Studies Gateway Short Learning Programme* Certificate of Competence.

### **International Recognition**

None.

### **When can I apply and how much are the Application Fees?**

Applications are open all year round. Please visit your nearest campus for specific information on fees and schedules. There are no application fees payable.

- **The closing date for applications for Semester 1 is at 17h00, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.**
- **The closing date for applications for Semester 2 is at 17h00, 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2016.**

### **What do I do if I am accepted?**

When you are accepted you will be required to register. In order to register you will need to complete the 'Registration Contract' and pay the registration fee and first instalment and deposit. Once you have paid and completed the Registration Contract you can return the contract and proof of payment to the campus where you wish to register.

- **The closing date for registrations for Semester 1 is at 17h00, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**
- **The closing date for registrations for Semester 2 is at 17h00, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

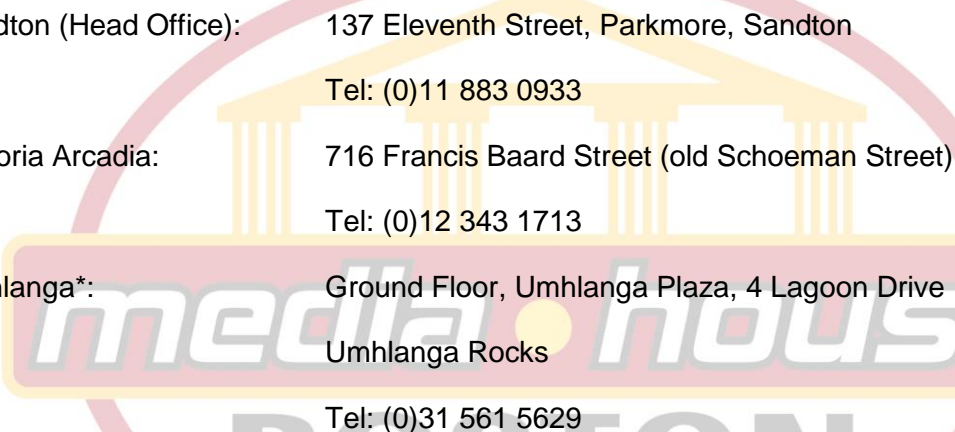
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### **Campus Details**



Sandton (Head Office):	137 Eleventh Street, Parkmore, Sandton Tel: (0)11 883 0933
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Umhlanga*:	Ground Floor, Umhlanga Plaza, 4 Lagoon Drive Umhlanga Rocks Tel: (0)31 561 5629

**\*The institution has submitted an application to move the Umhlanga campus to Durban central (331 Anton Lembede Street, Durban). This move may occur during 2016 or 2017 and will result in the Umhlanga campus being closed.**

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