



Dispensing for Healthcare Professionals

2026

INTRODUCTION

This course is based on the recommended standard for the dispensing course for prescribers in terms of Act 101 of 1965 as amended, which was developed by the South African Pharmacy Council, in consultation with the other statutory health councils. Licensing with the relevant authority as a dispensing healthcare professional can only take place once the certificate is awarded.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

This course is targeted at healthcare professionals, who are recognised as authorised prescribers and who are required to be licensed to dispense medicines in terms of regulation 18 of Act 101 of 1965 as amended.

COURSE DESIGN

The Dispensing Course leads to a certificate at NQF level 6. To obtain the certificate a minimum of 30 credits must be obtained. Each credit represents about 10 notional learning hours.

Study units		Total credits
Study unit 1	Professional, ethical and legislative principles of dispensing	5
Study unit 2	Basic pharmaceutical principles	4
Study unit 3	Basic pharmacological principles	4
Study unit 4	Good dispensing practice	7
Study unit 5	Patient counselling	3
Study unit 6	Medicine supply management	7
Total credits		30

Contact sessions: The course consists of four days of lectures and a dispensing practical workshop on the fifth day.

Distance course: The Resource Guide as well as the online summative assessment and requirements for the portfolio of evidence will be available online. Once completed, HSA will schedule the practical exam.

Fees for the course include one assessment to be completed within six months from the date of registration. A resubmission fee will be applicable to all assessments where the learner has been found Not Yet Competent (NYC). After six months the learner will have to pay a re-registration fee to be able to continue with the course.

COURSE CONTENT

This Dispensing Course is designed to enable healthcare professionals to dispense and to ensure the quality use of medicines prescribed to the patient to improve their health status.

At the end of the course the participants will be able to:

- Identify and apply ethical, legal and therapeutic considerations in all facets of dispensing
- evaluate prescriptions and assess the patient profile
- dispense a prescription
- manage the procurement and storage of medicines
- advise patients to ensure quality use of medicines and improve health status.

STUDY MATERIAL

Participants will receive a comprehensive resource guide covering all the study units and supplementary annexures containing additional information which may be required. Learners will also receive an assessment documentation guide, consisting of learning activities, multiple choice and short questions that need to be completed.

ASSESSMENT

The assessment consists of three parts:

- Compilation of a portfolio of evidence
- Multiple choice and short questions
- Dispensing practical exam

COURSE DATES

Gauteng

02 – 06 February	20 – 24 July
23 – 27 March	17 – 21 August
13 – 17 April	28 Sept – 02 October
18 – 22 May	16 – 20 November
22 – 26 June	07 – 11 December

Cape Town

16 – 20 February
18 – 22 May
17 – 21 August
16 – 20 November

Port Elizabeth

23 – 27 February
28 Oct – 02 November

KwaZulu-Natal

23 – 27 February
18 – 22 May

East London

13 – 17 April
02 – 06 November

CERTIFICATION

Participants will receive a certificate should they successfully complete the assessment process. This certificate must then be submitted in terms of regulation 18 of Act 101 of 1965, as amended. The course is accredited through SAMA for 30 CPD points.

COST

Workshop based course: R 8 200.00

Distance course: R 5 100.00

The course fee includes all study material, assessments and certification. Study material will be provided as soon as full payment has been received.

REGISTRATION

Please send completed application forms to:

Health Science Academy
Knowledge Park,
173 Mary Street
The Willows
Lynwood Ridge
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Tel: 087 821 1109

Fax: 086 502 5191

E-mail: hsaenquiries@healthscience.co.za



Application Form for Healthcare Professional Dispensing Course												
Title												
Surname												
First name/s												
Race	African		White		Indian		Coloured					
Gender	Male			Female								
Identity number												
	Work:						Home:					
Address for correspondence												
Contact numbers	Home:						Cell:					
	Work:						Fax:					
E-mail address												
HP/SANC/MP number												
Date of course (<i>mark one</i>)	Gauteng 2026 02 – 06 February 23 – 27 March 13 – 17 April 18 – 22 May 22 – 26 June 20 – 24 July 17 – 21 August 28 Sept – 02 October 16 – 20 November 07 – 11 December KwaZulu-Natal 2026 23 – 27 February 18 – 22 May 28 October – 02 November						Cape Town 2026 16 – 20 February 18 – 22 May 17 – 21 August 16 – 20 November East London 2026 13 – 17 April 02 – 06 November Port Elizabeth 2026 23 – 27 February 28 October – 02 November					
How did you hear about Health Science Academy?												
Word of mouth	Advertisement	Internet	Former student	Other (please specify)								
Documents to be attached												<i>HSA official</i>
Copy of identity document												
Copy of current SANC/HPCSA license to practice												

Course fees and payment details			
Course fees for 2026		R 8 200.00 (Contact)	
Send invoice to <i>(mark one)</i>		R 5 100.00 (Distance)	
Learner		Company	
Name and surname		Name	
Tel		Tel	
Fax		Fax	
E-mail address		E-mail address	
		VAT number if applicable	
Learners are responsible for the full course fee before the start thereof			
Payment method <i>(mark one)</i>			
Bank deposit			
<i>Attach a copy of the deposit slip; use your full name, ID number or HSA number as the payment reference</i>			
Health Science Academy bank details:			
Bank	Investec Bank		
Branch code	580105		
Account name	Health Science Academy		
Account number	40005100425		
Credit card			
<i>A credit card payment can only be made when the owner of the card is present in person</i>			
Documents to be attached			<i>HSA official</i>
Proof of payment			
Signed agreement			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please complete the application form and sign the agreement below. • Submit the application by email with the application fee of R500.00 (included in the course fee, but not refundable in case of cancellation) • HSA will notify you if your application was successful. • Once the application is approved, the full course fee is immediately payable to HSA. • If not attached to this application, please send a copy of the proof of payment with your name and contact details to Health Science Academy, marked for the attention of 'Dispensing course payment'. • All personal information will only be used for internal or legal purposes. 			
PLEASE NOTE THAT NO APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THESE DOCUMENTS OR WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION			
Health Science Academy reserves the right to make changes to courses without prior notification.			



I, the undersigned _____ declare that this application constitutes a binding agreement upon the terms set out herein between myself and Health Science Academy.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Health Science Academy within 30 days if there have been any changes in my personal information.

I agree to the above terms and conditions, including payments due, that govern my application and agree to be bound by them.

In the case of being assessed Not Yet Competent, I understand that I will need to be re-assessed until I am deemed competent. Re-assessment fees will be payable at the current Health Science Academy rate. Re-registration fees are applicable after 10 months.

The fees are not refundable. If I do not attempt the assessment for any reason within the allotted time period other than illness (supported by a doctor's certificate), a re-registration fee will be applicable.

HSA undertakes to collect and process your personal information in accordance with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013.

Signature of applicant

Witness

Date