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Endorsements

Thank you so much to SATS, my excellent lecturers and supervisors. It has been an absolute privilege studying through SATS and I have learnt so much more than just the study material given to me. It has been an incredible journey and I am left much richer because of it.

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Doing a Masters in Greek at SATS instilled in me an awe for God's word, honed my translation and exegesis skills, made me a better translator of the Greek New Testament, and gave me much-needed experience and confidence in teaching Greek to my students. What an unequalled treasure!

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your continuous support, feedback and advice during my completion of this course. I value your input and highly regard your closing comments with respect to my final assignment.

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Studying with SATS has been a wonderful experience for me. The teaching mode you use for distance learning was fantastic for me in doing my research and I appreciated the input from my research supervisor!

Mahmoudoune Mohamadou N'diyae, Niger

I actually heard about SATS through my brother, who was at the time enrolled in the Master's program. I chose SATS because it was distance, Evangelical and very affordable.

Derek Loseth, USA

I guess to summarize, the things that stood out to me about SATS were: rigorous, inexpensive, nondenominational, online DTh offering, with many diverse students, many whom are really in full-time ministry and serious about the Lord. And basically found it by doing searches along those lines, seeing its name pop up in listings of inexpensive seminars, and reading about it on various online forums.

Eli Taft, USA

I have been studying with SATS for three years now and it has been the best, most challenging and enriching process. So grateful to SATS and everyone involved for the incredible work you all put in so that we can be enlarged and equipped. I will be forever grateful.

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This has been a wonderful experience. I will miss the sessions with the buddies, it was fun but also an extremely powerful learning experience. Their feedback empowered me to do better. I am very grateful for the participation.

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Welcome



Message from the Principal 2024

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

As we embark on a new academic year at SATS, we find ourselves at the juncture of tradition and innovation, shaped by the winds of the Holy Spirit. This year, we delve deep into understanding the multifaceted person and work of the Holy Spirit. As our guiding academic theme, it promises to enlighten our minds, stir our hearts, and prepare us to be His worthy vessels. Our e-conference and scholarly research will be pivotal in exploring this divine theme.

The resilience of SATS is reflected not only in our unwavering commitment to scriptural truth but also in our ability to adapt and grow. We are thrilled to announce the imminent introduction of cutting-edge subjects on entrepreneurship, counselling, and understanding the ever-evolving world in which we are called to minister. These subjects, grounded in biblical principles, will empower our students to navigate contemporary challenges while remaining anchored in the faith.

A landmark initiative, our Micro Seminary, is on the cusp of launching 30 transformative short courses. This has been made possible through our fruitful partnership with Teach Every Nation (TEN). These affordable short courses encapsulate the essence of theological wisdom and practicality, promising life-altering insights for all Christians.

At a time when the church in Africa seeks to define its identity, balancing between the evangelical calling and the rich tapestry of our contextual realities, SATS stands for biblical relevance. We are deeply rooted in the conviction that while our questions may arise from our unique contexts, the unerring answers are always found in the Text. Our commitment to this principle remains unwavering.

As we journey together this year, may the Holy Spirit illuminate our path, and may we continue to be vessels of His truth, grace, and love.

In Christ's service,
Dr Kevin Smith



Mission

Our mission is to provide Biblical, Christocentric online education and training to Christians, and leaders in particular, within their local church environment, to equip them to be Holy Spirit empowered members of God's household.

Our passion is to prepare Christ-centred leaders for every church. In addition to our three foundational pillars (Bible-based, Christ-centred, Spirit-led), we hold these core convictions about the nature of theology:

1. Good theology is *God-glorifying*: The goal of all theology and all ministry is to bring glory to God.
2. Good theology is *mission-minded*: All good theology is inherently missional, being in service of the mission of God. We believe that theology divorced of its missional ethos is unfaithful to the call of God.
3. Good theology is *church-based*: Theology must always be anchored in the church and in service of the church.

We carry out our mission through online education because of a heartfelt belief in church-based training as the preferred approach. We believe in 'training for ministry in ministry'; we are committed to training God's servants in the context of their ministry.

Foundational Pillars

SATS stands on a triune doctrinal foundation:

- **The unique authority of the Word of God the Father.** We believe that the Bible is the only written revelation of and from God and that it is therefore all we need for faith and life.
- **The lordship and centrality of Jesus Christ.** We believe that Jesus Christ is God the Son and the full revelation of the Godhead to humanity. He is the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. As a result, we are to base our doctrine and practice on what he said and did.
- **The ministry of the Holy Spirit.** We believe that we are to trust and obey God the Holy Spirit and that we are to embrace all that the Scriptures reveal of him and his ministry.

These foundational principles are summed up in our by-line:

Bible-based, Christ-centred, Spirit-led.



Statement of Faith

We define ourselves as a Bible-based, Christ-centred, Spirit-led seminary. We are home to a broad cross-section of Christians who believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of the Triune God, that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, that through his death and resurrection Jesus Christ became the only Saviour, that people are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity who actively ministers to and through God's people, that the Lord founded and loves the church, and that Jesus Christ is coming again to judge all people.

SATS is a home for Christians from a broad diversity of churches and denominations who are comfortable with our high view of the Bible and of the gospel. We make no attempt to take a firm stance on most issues that divide evangelical believers. You will feel at home regardless of your beliefs about baptism, the Lord's Supper, women in ministry, Calvinism versus Arminianism, the age of the Earth, the end times, or any number of other debates amongst evangelical Christians.

You do not need to agree with our faith commitments to study through SATS. We teach theology from an evangelical perspective, but anyone is welcome to study with us.

You can read our Statement of Faith on our website.

<https://sats.ac.za/about/statement-faith/>

Philosophy

We see our role as providing *lifelong learning*¹ opportunities in theological and practical church-related studies of a high academic standard. We believe that the responsibility for the learning process should be placed upon the student within the context of the local church. We see our role as a provider of reasonably priced, academically sound, Bible-based, Christ-centred, Spirit-led online training.

Board of Directors

SATS is under the governing oversight of a Board of Directors that meets five times each year. At present, the members of the Board include Adam Spence (Chairman), Eleanor Chamberlain, Henning du Plessis, Xavier Marot, Kehinde Ogunrombi, Kevin Smith, Stuart Tapson and Doug Timberlake. The Board has six non-executive directors and two executive directors.

¹ – Lifelong learning describes the philosophy that in this day and age we all need to be in a continuing process of updating our skills and knowledge.



Accreditation and Registration

All our programmes are accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and are registered by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET, registration number 2001/HE08/005). The registered programmes are:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Theology
- Master of Theology
- Master of Divinity
- Bachelor of Theology Honours
- Bachelor of Theology
- Higher Certificate in Christian Life
- Higher Certificate in Christian Counselling

SATS is registered as a Section 21 company (reg. no. 2002/005184/08), a PBO (18/11/13/2403), and an NPO (033-343-NPO).

We are also a founder member of the National Association of Distance Education Organisations in South Africa (NADEOSA) and we are a member of the Association of Private Providers of Education, Training and Development (APPETD), the South African Institute for Distance Education (SAIDE), the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE), and the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG).

Our registration and accreditation provide assurance that the quality of our programmes is of the highest standard. Our programmes are therefore nationally and internationally comparable and the credits earned with us are truly “portable,” i.e. they can be transferred to other accredited, registered institutions. The increasing number of international students confirms the acceptability of our programmes around the world.

Our MTh and PhD programmes were submitted to two of the most frequently used and highly recommended evaluators in the USA, namely the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. (www.ierf.org) and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers' International Education Services (<http://ies.aacrao.org>). Both confirmed that these degrees represent attainment of a level of education comparable to the equivalent degrees from a regionally accredited university in the United States.

Our degrees are recognised by the Brazilian and Argentinian governments, and are listed on www.anabin.kmk.org, a German website, which provides information about the evaluation of foreign qualifications. The IQAS (International Qualification Assessment Service) in Alberta, Canada, an independent, secular assessment service used by many Canadian universities to establish the quality of foreign qualifications, has also evaluated the SATS BTh as the local equivalent of a “three year Bachelor's degree with a focus in theology.



Associating with SATS



Ambassador
Dr Hugh Goosen
PhD

We believe in associating with like-minded ministries, churches, institutions, and organisations, because we know that there is significant kingdom value in collaboration.

The two most common types of agreement are:

- **Recognition of Prior Learning or Articulation Agreement:** If you offer a theological programme, we could have an agreement that allows your graduates to further their studies at SATS.
- **Church agreements:** If your church or denomination needs to train its leaders, you could do this in association with SATS. SATS provides the formal theological training, while the church provides additional support services, such as mentoring.

If a ministry wishes to train its leaders through SATS, we can formalise the agreement through a *Letter of Association*. Once the agreement is in place, all students linked to the associated ministry who register with SATS will receive a 10 per cent discount on the advertised tuition fees.

Please Note:

1. SATS is not an accrediting agency. We cannot accredit your Bible school or ministry training programme.
2. SATS cannot offer joint programmes. The law in South Africa mandates that we take full and sole responsibility for all teaching-and-learning in our programmes.

To find out more about the opportunities that exist through a SATS association, please contact hugh@sats.ac.za.



Advantages of Studying at SATS

When you register at SATS, you meet a team of committed believers who are passionate about serving Jesus by serving you. Our team is creative, innovative, dedicated, and enthusiastic about the way they teach and serve your study needs. When you study at SATS, you can expect to:

- grow under the teaching of a seminary and a team of lecturers who believe the Bible and love the Lord (Luke 6:40);
- receive an accredited qualification that is respected worldwide;
- love the convenience of online access to everything you need for your studies (except for textbooks in some courses);
- experience a challenging programme that maintains high academic standards;
- enjoy fast, friendly service from academic and administrative staff;
- join a seminary that responds to the needs and inputs of its students;
- interact with peers from all around the world who love Jesus, making new friends in the process;
- learn from a diverse team of highly qualified academics who love Jesus and the truth;
- grow with a ministry that is innovative in its use of technology;
- benefit from a programme that is simultaneously thoroughly biblical and deeply practical;
- engage with lecturers who are actively engaged in theological research; and
- rest in the knowledge that our staff prays daily for our students.



“My journey with SATS has been a spiritually enriching experience, I am being equipped with tools that help me minister effectively to extend God’s kingdom, and make much of Jesus Christ. I recommend SATS to ministers and even layman who seek to develop themselves spiritually and know more about God.”

Gerald Munemo



MySats

MySats is a high-quality, powerfully resourced online learning platform or 'virtual classroom' in which you will study. It is the central hub of the Seminary, the platform that makes online learning possible, wherever you live in the world.

When you register at SATS, you receive a welcome letter, which provides information on how to access MySats, the learning environment where you will find your courses, links to an online library, lecturers, classmates, assessment tasks and so on. From MySats, you can:

- See your curriculum;
- Order and pay for your courses;
- Read or borrow more than 200,000 e-books (e-library);
- Download hundreds of thousands of journal articles (e-library);
- View your study materials for your courses;
- Submit your assignments and access your feedback;
- Participate in class discussions (forums);
- See the due dates for all your forthcoming activities;
- Interact with the lecturer and fellow students;
- Complete interactive lessons;
- Write your examinations; and
- View your financial transactions.

Our lecturers' task is to:

- Facilitate learning;
- Foster research and communication skills; and
- Help integrate learning, worship and service.



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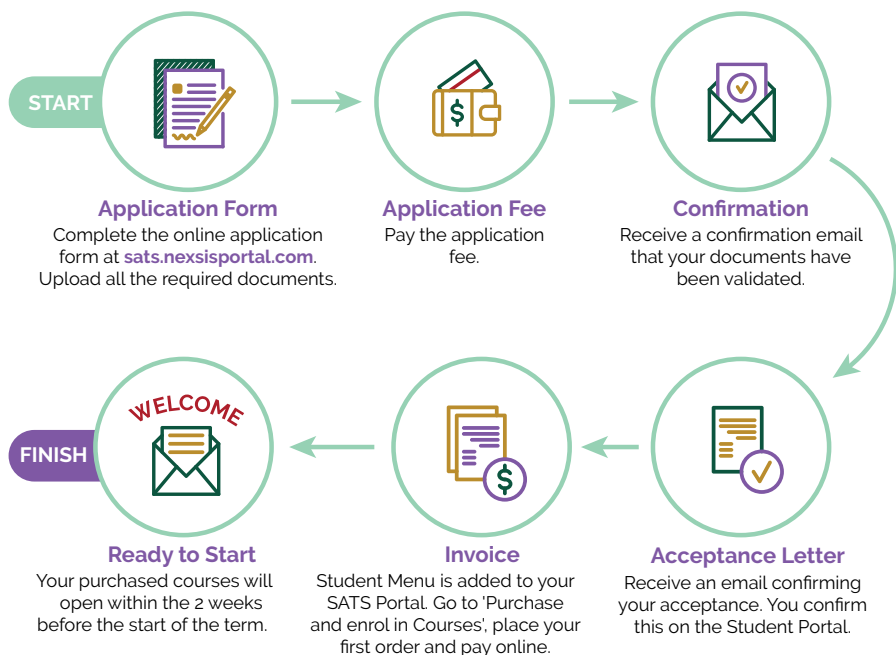
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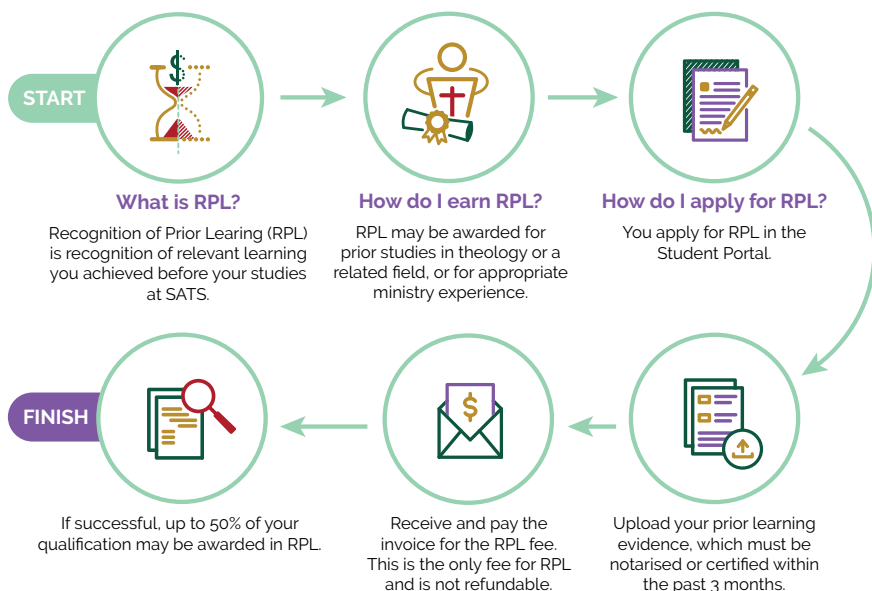
Enrolment Procedure

Our website has a user-friendly application facility, where you can apply, upload and submit your supporting documents.

How do I register as a SATS student?



How do I receive recognition for prior learning?



Pricing

The pricing for the various SATS programmes may be found on the SATS website: sats.ac.za/pricing/. You may buy anywhere between one and four courses per term. If you buy two or more courses at any time on the same invoice, discounts may apply. Consult the cost calculator to estimate the cost and duration of your studies, based on the number of courses you complete each year: sats.ac.za/pricing/cost-calculator/. When you study the prices, please bear the following in mind:

1. **Affordable.** While some courses do require the purchase of textbooks, most required reading is freely available from our digital library. Additionally, all our courses are taught online, eliminating the costs of travel and accommodation.
2. **Pay per course.** You only need to pay for the courses or phases that you are taking, which means that the total cost of your studies is spread over the duration of your study programme.
3. **Refunds.** Partial refunds are available on withdrawals from individual courses according to a sliding scale, and are offered as a credit against the purchase of another course. No course refunds are available after the mid-term point or if you discontinue your programme.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are credits? How are credits calculated?

One credit equates to approximately 10 hours time taken on a task. At the undergraduate level, most courses are 12 credits, requiring approximately 120 hours of work; this includes research, writing of the assignment(s), and the examination. Since the courses at SATS run over 11–12 weeks, an average student should study 10–11 hours per week in each course. If you are familiar with the American system of counting credits, 1 US credit is equal to approximately 4 South African credits.

Do I need to buy textbooks?

As most prescribed readings are freely available from our digital library, SATS courses do not generally require the purchase of textbooks. However, some courses do require you to purchase textbooks. Please visit the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) to see whether you are required to purchase any textbooks for your programme.

Can I take courses for non-degree purposes?

Yes! If you wish to take selected courses for self-enrichment without committing to a full certificate or degree programme, you are welcome to enrol for them. When you finish, you can request a transcript reflecting the courses passed for non-degree purposes.

Similarly, if you are registered for a programme and wish to take extra courses, in addition to the ones required for your degree, you are welcome to do so. For instance, you might be an MTh student who wishes to take Biblical Hebrew for extra credit. In such cases, the extra courses reflect on your academic record even though they are not required for your degree.

When can I start?

You can register at SATS at any time of the year. You will commence your studies in the next available term.

In what languages does SATS teach?

The official language of the Seminary is English. All courses are taught in English and all the instructional documentation of the Seminary is written in English. However, students who are not first-language English speakers are graded in a fair and equitable manner.

Does SATS make special provisions for students with disabilities?

SATS tries to accommodate students with disabilities or special needs as much as is practical. Since we teach online, students need not travel to the campus. When medical needs necessitate, we grant students with disabilities extra time and we may allow them to submit oral assignments and examination answers instead of typed ones. Visually impaired students are encouraged to use 'text-to-speech' and 'speech-to-text' technologies.



Will my denomination recognise my degree from SATS?

There are several denominations currently registering students at SATS for their theological studies. You will need to contact the head of your denomination in order to find out if the SATS degree meets their denominational requirements. SATS does not ordain ministers.

Will my degree from SATS be recognised overseas?

South African degrees are well respected overseas and, since SATS has the highest level of accreditation in South Africa, most foreign institutions will admit our graduates to further studies (see Accreditation and Registration). However, each institution is sovereign with respect to which applicants it admits, so no institution local or international is obliged to admit a SATS graduate (or, for that matter, a graduate from any other institution).

Does SATS offer bursaries?

We have a small bursary fund for those who cannot afford to study. Bursaries are allocated in the form of a discount and are typically given to existing students who find themselves unable to afford the full SATS fees. To apply, you need to send a letter of motivation to bursaries@sats.ac.za.

How can I log a complaint or a grievance?

Should you have reason to query the way in which the assessment of your assignments or examinations has been conducted, or if you wish to lay a complaint against a staff member, or if you have a grievance about any other matter related to your studies, you should follow the procedures laid out in the Student Handbook.

Do SATS' facilities comply with health-and-safety regulations?

Yes, we have a detailed policy with accompanying procedures to ensure that our campus is safe and secure. Since students do not work on campus, this mostly affects staff.

Do I need to sign a registration contract with SATS?

The Application Form functions as our registration contract. When you sign the Application Form, you agree to abide by the policies of the Seminary. The Department of Higher Education and Training requires you to sign its 'Confirmation of Programme' form when you register.

Graduation

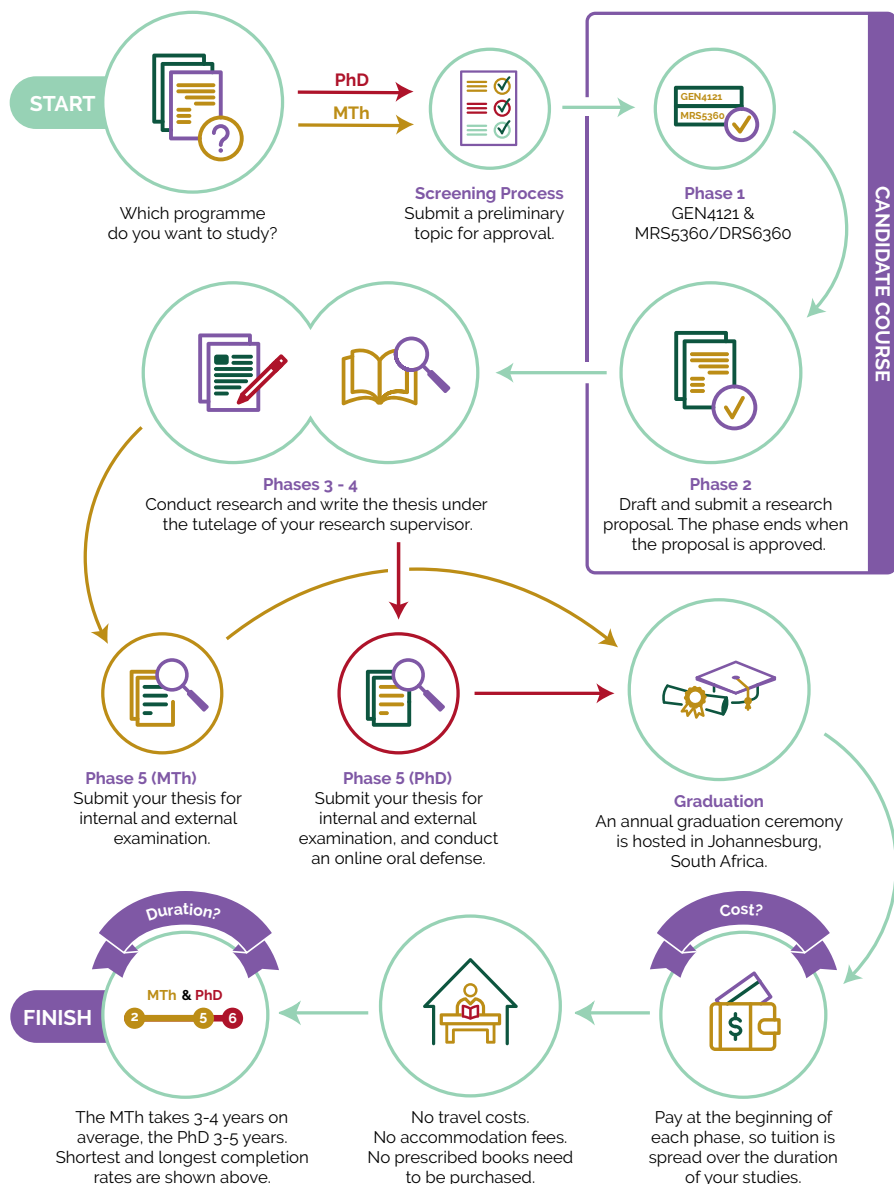
The high point of a student's many years of study is the graduation ceremony, and even though SATS is an online learning institution, we still host an annual graduation ceremony. Each year we carefully select a speaker to speak on a topic that will inspire our graduands to effectively apply their learning in service to the church.

We encourage family members to join our graduands for the ceremony, as this is a day of great celebration; they have spent many years sacrificing their time in completing their studies and this is the occasion to recognise their achievement.

Upon completion of their studies, students receive their certificates via courier after completing their last subject and applying to graduate on the SATS portal. A physical graduation ceremony is typically hosted annually, in Johannesburg. You will be informed by the Registrar that you have completed your programme and invited to attend the annual graduation ceremony.



How Do Our Research Programmes Work?



Doctor of Philosophy in Theology

360 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 10

Our PhD is designed to raise up scholar-leaders in various fields of Christian ministry. It is a fully accredited online programme that provides the opportunity for ground-breaking theological research.

Do I qualify?

To be admitted to the Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, a candidate must have achieved an above-average grade in their Master's degree. Additionally, a candidate must meet one of these admission requirements:

- An accredited Master's degree in a theological field, with a substantial research project.
- An accredited Master's degree in another field, with a substantial research project, accompanied by 4 years of accredited undergraduate theology.

Submit your application at **sats.ac.za** to determine if you qualify to study with us.

How does it work?

The PhD is a research degree that culminates in an original thesis of 80,000-100,000 words. The learning journey is divided into five phases. Candidates must complete the following steps to be accepted as a student in the programme: (1) Submit a preliminary topic for approval. (2) Achieve 75% or higher in Phase 1. (3) Have a formal research proposal passed by the Research Committee in Phase 2.

PhD Candidate

Phase 1 begins when you register. It consists of two online courses: GEN4121 Theological Orientation and DRS6360 Research Concept Development.

Phase 2 requires you to draft and submit a formal research proposal, which you do in consultation with your appointed supervisor, a scholar specialising in your research area. The phase ends when the SATS Research Committee approves your research proposal.

PhD Student

Phases 3-4 are where you conduct the research and write the thesis, under the tutelage of your appointed supervisor.

Phase 5 is about examination! You submit your thesis for internal and external examination, making the required improvements. You must also submit an article based on the thesis. The PhD journey culminates in the online oral defence. This takes place after the thesis passes both the internal and external evaluation process. The student is required to defend his or her thesis by responding to questions posed by a team of specialists in the chosen fields of study.



How long does it take?

The minimum duration is two years, but the average completion time is 3–5 years. You have a maximum of six years to finish.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the website (sats.ac.za/pricing) for pricing applicable to your region of the world, but please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You pay at the beginning of each phase, so the tuition is spread over 3–5 years (the average time it takes to finish).
2. The tuition fees are the total cost of the programme. There are no hidden costs, no travel costs, no accommodation costs, and no prescribed books to purchase. For many PhD programmes, these 'hidden' costs can easily double or triple the total cost.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.



Master of Theology

180 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 9

Our MTh is a research-based degree that is fully accredited and completely online. The degree takes the form of a substantial research project on a topic that is relevant to your life or ministry. You conduct the research under the guidance of a specialist supervisor.

Do I qualify?

To be admitted to the Master of Theology, a candidate must have achieved an above-average grade in their previous degree. Additionally, a candidate must meet one of these admission requirements:

- An accredited four-year Bachelor Honours degree in a theological field, or
- An accredited Bachelor Honours degree in another field accompanied by an accredited Diploma or Bachelor in Theology.

Submit your application at **sats.ac.za** to determine if you qualify to study with us.

How does it work?

The MTh is a research degree that culminates in an original thesis of 40,000–50,000 words. The process is divided into five phases. Candidates must complete the following steps to be accepted as a student in the programme: (1) Submit a preliminary topic for approval. (2) Achieve 75% or higher in Phase 1. (3) Have a formal research proposal passed by the Research Committee in Phase 2.

MTh Candidate

Phase 1 begins when you enrol. It consists of two online courses: GEN4121 Theological Orientation and MRS5360 Research Concept Development.

Phase 2 requires you to draft and submit a formal research proposal, which you do in consultation with your appointed supervisor, a scholar specialising in the field of the research. The phase ends when the SATS Research Committee approves your research proposal.

MTh Student

Phases 3–4 are where you conduct the research and write the thesis, under the tutelage of your appointed supervisor.

Phase 5 is about examination! You submit your thesis for internal and external examination, making the required improvements.



How long does it take?

The minimum duration is two years, but the average completion time is 3–4 years. You have a maximum of five years to finish.

How much does it cost?

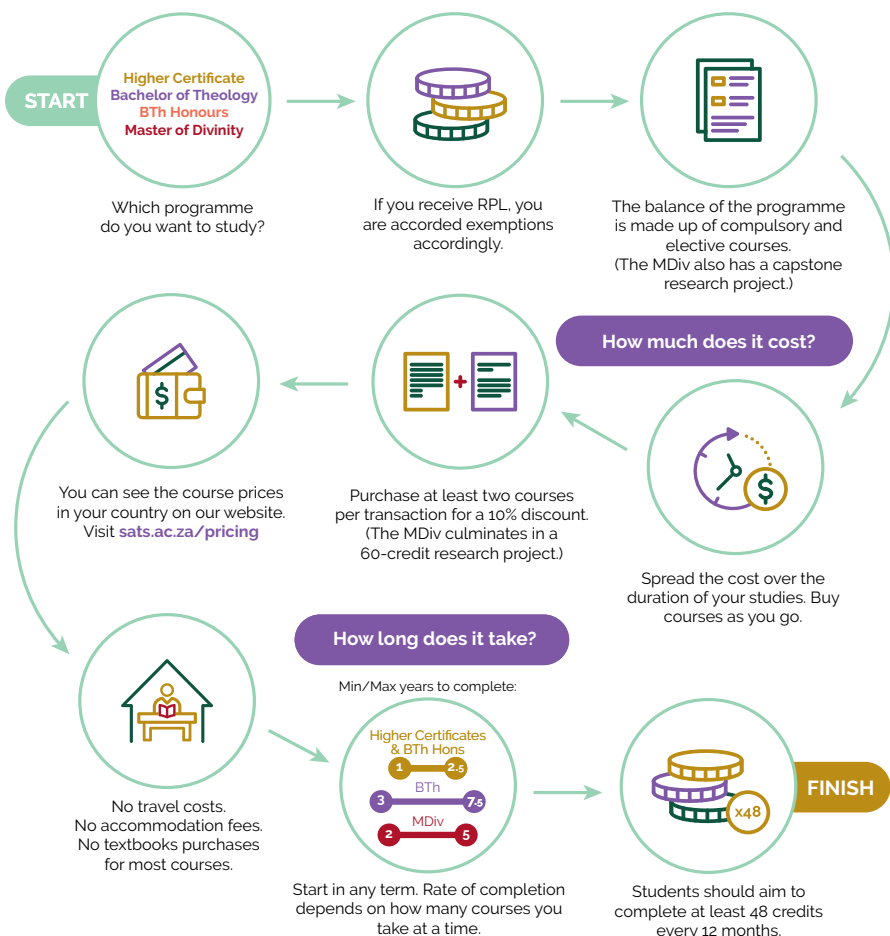
Please consult the SATS website (sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You pay at the beginning of each phase, so the tuition is spread over 3–4 years (the average completion time).
2. The tuition fees are the total cost of the programme. There are no hidden costs, no travel costs, no accommodation costs, and no prescribed books to purchase. For many master's degree programmes, these 'hidden' costs can easily double or triple the total cost.

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How Do Our Coursework Programmes Work?



Stand Alone Courses

If you would like to take a single course, without enrolling for a whole qualification, you can.

Visit our website at sats.ac.za and click 'Apply'. Select the standalone option on the application form.

You may choose any course from the list provided.

Pay the price of the course and you will be added to the class at the start of the next term in which it is offered.

Cost of Stand Alone Courses

Please consult the SATS website (sats.ac.za/pricing) for pricing applicable to your country of residence.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.



Master of Divinity

240 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 9

Our Master of Divinity programme is fully accredited and completely online. This is a two-year professional master's degree designed for pastors and leaders in ministry. Since it does not require a prior degree in theology, it is the ideal gateway into advanced theological and ministerial training for second-career pastors.

Do I qualify?

To be admitted to the MDiv, a candidate must have achieved an above-average grade in their previous degree. Additionally, a candidate must meet one of these admission requirements:

- An accredited four-year Bachelor Honours degree in English, Engineering, Education, or any other academic discipline. You do not need to have any prior studies in theology.
- An accredited three-year degree (NQF 7 in South Africa), we will allow you to do one year of bridging work to gain access to the MDiv.

Submit your application at www.sats.ac.za to determine if you qualify to study with us.

Please note that the MDiv programme does not grant direct access to the PhD programme; the MDiv grants access to the MTh programme, which in turn grants access to the PhD.

How does it work?

The programme requires you to complete 14 courses and a capstone research project. The classes focus on the Bible and ministry, with a secondary concentration on theology.

The MDiv culminates in a 60-credit capstone project, which is more in the mould of major paper than a thesis.

Compulsory Courses

GEN4121	Theological Orientation
MIN5241	Ministry Practicum
RES5600	Structured Master's Thesis

Students must take two subjects of their choice from each of the following fields:

12-Credit Electives

Old Testament (any 2)

- OTS5121 Deuteronomy and Biblical Ethics
- OTS5122 Nehemiah and Christian Leadership
- OTS5123 Preaching and Teaching the Psalms
- PRA4122 Judges and Narrative Preaching



New Testament (any 2)

- NTS5122 The Pastoral Epistles and Pastoral Ministry
- NTS5124 Acts: The Missional Church
- BIB4123 Ephesians: The Unified Church
- NTS5121 The Gospels: What Jesus Taught

Practical Theology (any 2)

- THE4123 Children, Bible and Theology
- PTS5122 Expository Preaching
- PTS5123 Marketplace Ministry
- PTS5124 Discipleship

Church and Society (any 2)

- CHS5121 Islamic Worldview and Religion
- CHS5122 African Worldview and Religion
- CHS5123 Understanding the Times
- CHS5124 Understand the Margins

Systematic Theology (any 2)

- THE5121 The Kingdom in Church and Mission
- THE5122 Sin and Salvation in Cultural Context
- THE5123 The Holy Spirit – a Global Perspective

How long does it take?

The minimum duration is two years, but the average completion time is 3–4 years. You have a maximum of five years to finish.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (sats.ac.za/pricing) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which significantly reduces the need to purchase textbooks. Furthermore, as the MDiv is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs. For many MDiv programmes, these additional costs can double or triple the total cost.

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Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

120 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 8

The BTh Honours is a one-year postgraduate degree that builds on a three-year degree. You would likely choose the BTh Honours for one of three reasons. Firstly, to further advance your biblical and theological understanding. This qualification will stand you in good stead if you feel called as a theological educator or as a preaching and teaching pastor, seeking to develop training material for your church. Secondly, it serves as a bridge between Bachelor's level coursework and Master's level research. Thirdly, it provides a potential access point into theological studies for students who have degrees in other disciplines.

Do I qualify?

To qualify for admission to the BTh Honours, a candidate must have achieved an above-average grade in their undergraduate degree. Additionally, a candidate must meet one of these admission requirements:

- An accredited Bachelor of Theology or cognate qualification.
- An accredited Bachelor degree in another field accompanied by an accredited Certificate or Diploma in Theology.

If you have a non-theological Bachelor degree, you can do the required bridging coursework with SATS to gain access to the BTh Honours.

Submit your application at www.sats.ac.za to determine if you qualify to study with us.

How does it work?

The Honours curriculum consists of one 24 credit course; the rest are 12 credits. The 24 credit course runs over 6 months, while the 12 credit courses take 3 months. There are three compulsory courses. You must accumulate 120 credits to complete the BTh Hons.

Unless otherwise indicated, the pass mark for all assessment tasks is 50 per cent. A distinction is 75 per cent. To pass a course, you must maintain a grade average of 50 percent or above.

GEN4121	Theological Orientation
RES4122	Research Methodology
RES4241	Research Project

12-Credit Electives

- BIB4123 Ephesians
- BIB4124 Old Testament Studies
- BIB4129 New Testament Studies
- GEN4122 Directed Theological Reading
- MIS4121 Mission as Engagement
- MIS4122 Understanding Islam (*Prerequisite for MIS4123*)



- MIS4123 Critiquing Islam (*Prerequisite is MIS4122 or MIS3125*)
- NTS5122 Pastoral Epistles and Pastoral Ministry
- OTS5123 Preaching and Teaching the Psalms
- PRA4121 Practical Theology
- PRA4122 Judges and Narrative Preaching
- THE4123 Children, Bible and Theology
- THE4124 Systematic Theology

How long does it take?

A full-time student would expect to finish the BTh Hons in one year but the average time for part-time students to complete the Honours programme is 2½ years. You have a maximum of three years to finish.

Please note: We advise students to complete at least 48 credits every twelve months, commencing with the date of enrolment. On average, you will need around 2 hours per day to successfully complete a course in a 3-month term.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which significantly reduces the need to purchase textbooks. Furthermore, as the BTh Honours is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.



Bachelor of Theology

360 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 7 (30 COURSES OF 12 CREDITS EACH)

The BTh is the ideal preparation for those called to pastoral ministry or other forms of vocational Christian service. Our BTh contains a strong, balanced focus on Bible, theology, and ministry.

Do I qualify?

To register for the BTh, you need to have a school-leaving certificate that grants university access. If you have an accredited tertiary qualification, we accept that in lieu of a school-leaving certificate. If you do not qualify for direct admission to the BTh, you can start with the Higher Certificate in Christian Life.

How does it work?

The BTh requires you to earn 360 credits, spread across NQF levels 5–7, where first-year courses are on level 5 and third-year courses on level 7. Since all the courses are 12 credits, you must complete 30 courses to earn your degree. You must earn 120 credits at the exit level; that is, you must do 10 third-year courses.

The courses are divided into *compulsory* and *elective* categories. You must do all the compulsory courses and make up the remainder of your curriculum by choosing electives.

Unless otherwise indicated, the pass mark for all assessment tasks is 50 per cent. A distinction is 80 per cent. To pass a course, you must maintain a grade average of 50 per cent or above.

If you have completed prior theological studies or have appropriate ministry experience (3 years or more), you may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning, which will reduce the total cost and duration of your programme.

First Year

These courses are compulsory:

- BIB1121 How to Study the Bible
- BIB1123 The Words and Works of Jesus
- PRA1122 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- THE1120 Introduction to Theology
- THE1121 Christian Foundations
- THE1122 Biblical Worldview

Select any four from these:

- BIB1122 1 Corinthians
- BIB1124 Survey of the Old Testament
- BIB1125 Deuteronomy
- PRA1121 Christian Relationships
- PRA1124 Biblical Leadership
- THE1123 The Holy Spirit: What the Bible teaches
- THE1124 Survey of Church History



- BGK1121 Biblical Greek 1A (*Two Textbooks Required*)
- BGK1122 Biblical Greek 1B (*Prerequisite BGK1121*)
- BHB1121 Biblical Hebrew 1A (*Textbook Required*)
- BHB1122 Biblical Hebrew 1B (*Prerequisite BHB1121*)

NB. To reap the full benefits of the Biblical Language courses, you will need to take all 4 Greek or Hebrew courses.

Second Year

These courses are compulsory:

- BIB2121 Hermeneutics (*Prerequisite for PRA2123*)
- BIB2123 The Historical Books
- BIB2125 Paul's Letters
- MIS2124 Mission of God
- THE2122 The Doctrine of Man and Sin (*Prerequisite for THE2123*)
- THE2123 The Doctrine of Salvation (*Prerequisite is THE2122*)

Select any four from these:

- BIB2122 The Pentateuch
- BIB2124 The Book of Acts
- BIB2126 Psalms
- MIS2122 Contemporary Issues in Missions
- MIS2123 The Historical Perspective on Missions
- PRA2121 Christian Counselling 1 (*Prerequisite for PRA3124*)
- PRA2122 The Pastoral Ministry
- PRA2123 Homiletics (*Prerequisite is BIB2121*)
- PRA2124 Children at Risk
- THE2121 The Doctrine of the Church
- THE2124 The Doctrine of God
- BGK2121 Biblical Greek 2A (*Prerequisite BGK1122*)
- BGK2122 Biblical Greek 2B (*Prerequisite BGK2121*)
- BHB2121 Biblical Hebrew 2A (*Prerequisite BHB1121*)
- BHB2122 Biblical Hebrew 2B (*Prerequisite BHB1122*)

Third Year

These courses are compulsory:

- BIB3128 Genesis
- BIB3129 Romans
- THE3121 The Doctrine of the Kingdom
- THE3123 Apologetics
- THE3124 Christian Ethics

Select any five from these:

- BIB3121 The Wisdom Books
- BIB3122 The General Letters
- BIB3123 The Book of Hebrews
- BIB3127 Prophetic Books
- MIS3121 World Religions



Bachelor of Theology (continued)

360 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 7 (30 COURSES OF 12 CREDITS EACH)

- MIS3124 Church Growth
- MIS3125 Islam (Prerequisite for MIS4123)
- PRA3121 Conflict and Reconciliation (*Textbook Required*)
- PRA3124 Christian Counselling 2 (*Prerequisite PRA2121*)
- PRA3125 Church Leadership
- PRA3126 Church Administration
- THE3122 The Doctrine of Revelation
- THE3126 African Theology

How long does it take?

A full-time student can expect to finish the BTh in three years but the average time for part-time students to complete the BTh programme is 6 years. You have a maximum of 8 years to finish.

Please note: We advise students to complete at least 48 credits every twelve months, commencing with the date of enrolment. On average, you will need around 2 hours per day to successfully complete a course in a 3-month term.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which significantly reduces the need to purchase textbooks. Furthermore, as the BTh is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.

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Higher Certificate in Christian Life

120 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 5 (10 COURSES OF 12 CREDITS EACH)

The HCCL offers a thorough grounding in the essentials of theological and ministerial training. The programme is suitable for pastors needing foundational theological studies and for elders, deacons, and other men and women serving actively in their churches. The three stand-out characteristics of the programme are that it is biblical (you will grow in Bible knowledge), practical (you will grow in ministry skills), and spiritual (you will grow in your walk with Christ).

There are two other reasons why you might register for the HCCL.

1. If you wish to enrol for the BTh but you do not meet the admission requirements, you can do the HCCL. When you graduate, you can continue with the BTh.
2. If you have a non-theological degree and you wish to enrol for the BTh Honours, you can do the HCCL as a bridge into the Honours.

Do I qualify?

To register for the HCCL, you need to have a school-leaving certificate. In South Africa, this is a National Senior Certificate (NSC). If you have an accredited tertiary qualification, we accept that in lieu of a school-leaving certificate.

If you do not have a school-leaving certificate, you may be admitted to the HCCL on the basis of RPL. You will be asked to complete the first five courses on probation as stand-alone subjects. If you pass them, demonstrating that the ability to study at this level, you may enrol for the HCCL.

If you complete the HCCL and wish to enrol for the BTh, 60 credits from the HCCL may be transferred to the BTh.

How does it work?

The HCCL requires you to earn 120 credits on NQF level 5. Since all the courses are 12 credits, you must complete 10 courses to earn your certificate. The courses are divided into compulsory and elective categories. You must do all the compulsory courses and make up the remainder of your curriculum by choosing electives.

Unless otherwise indicated, the pass mark for all assessment tasks is 50 per cent. A distinction is 80 per cent. To pass a course, you must maintain a grade average of 50 per cent or above.

If you have completed prior theological studies, you may apply for exemption from courses that you have covered previously. Applications for exemptions must be done before studies are commenced at SATS and are therefore done as part of the online application.



Higher Certificate in Christian Life (continued)

120 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 5 (10 COURSES OF 12 CREDITS EACH)

These courses are compulsory

- BIB1121 How to Study the Bible
- BIB1123 The Words and Works of Jesus
- THE1120 Introduction to Theology
- THE1121 Christian Foundations
- THE1122 Biblical Worldview

Select any five from these:

- BIB1124 Survey of the Old Testament
- BIB1125 Deuteronomy
- BIB1122 1 Corinthians
- MIS2122 Contemporary Issues in Missions
- MIS2124 The Mission of God
- PRA1121 Christian Relationships
- PRA1122 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- PRA1124 Biblical Leadership 1
- THE1123 The Holy Spirit: What the Bible teaches
- THE1124 Survey of Church History
- THE2121 The Doctrine of the Church

How long does it take?

The minimum duration is one year, but the average completion time for part-time students is two years. You have a maximum of three years to finish.

Please note: We advise students to complete at least 48 credits every twelve months, commencing with the date of enrolment. On average, you will need around 2 hours per day to successfully complete a course in a 3-month term.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which significantly reduces the need to purchase textbooks. Furthermore, as the HCCL is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.

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Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

WITH A COUNSELLING CONCENTRATION

This programme is designed for those who are preparing to serve as professional Christian counsellors. You will be trained in both narrative counselling and logotherapeutic practices from a Christian perspective. When you graduate, you will be well equipped to serve as a Christian counsellor in your church and community. You will also be eligible to register for a research-based Master of Theology, specialising in either narrative or logotherapeutic Christian counselling.

Do I qualify?

To qualify for admission to the BTh Honours with a counselling focus, a candidate must have achieved an above-average grade in their undergraduate degree. Additionally, a candidate must meet one of these admission requirements:

- A BTh or equivalent degree with 48 supplementary counselling credits.
- A Bachelor's degree in another field with an accredited certificate or diploma in theology, plus 48 supplementary counselling credits (unless your Bachelor's degree includes sufficient credits in psychology or counselling).

Submit your application at **sats.ac.za** to determine if you qualify to study with us.

How does it work?

The BTh Honours with a focus in Christian counselling curriculum consists of five 24-credit papers, the first of which is an orientation to the theological and ethical aspects of counselling. The next two papers train you to use narrative counselling and the last two will train you in logotherapeutic methods of counselling.

Compulsory Courses:

Paper 1: Counselling Ethics and SATS (CCC4240)

Paper 2: Narrative Counselling as Pastoral Care (CCC4241)

Paper 3: Narrative Counselling and the Church (CCC4242)

Paper 4: Logotherapy as Ministry (CCC4243)

Paper 5: Logotherapy and Community (CCC4244)

How long does it take?

You will need 2½–3 years to complete the degree as you are only able to take one course at a time.



Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

WITH A COUNSELLING CONCENTRATION (CONTINUED)

Accreditation and Registration

Graduates from the programmes with a concentration in Christian Counselling can apply for professional registration with the Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC).

For more information visit the CPSC website: <https://www.cpsc.org.za>.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (sats.ac.za/pricing) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. Although our counselling programmes do require the purchase of textbooks, SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which helps to offset the cost of study. Furthermore, as the BTh Honours is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.
3. Additional costs may be incurred when completing the external supervised practicum hours required for professional registration, post-graduation.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.



Bachelor of Theology

WITH A COUNSELLING CONCENTRATION

The BTh with a counselling focus provides advanced training for Christian and pastoral counsellors. The programme integrates theology and counselling from a Bible-based, Christ-centred, Spirit-led perspective. If you complete this programme, you will not only be well-equipped to help hurting people, but you will also be able to apply for professional registration with the Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC). For more information visit the CPSC website: <https://www.cpsc.org.za>.

Do I qualify?

To register for the BTh with a counselling focus, you need to have a school-leaving certificate that grants university access. If you have an accredited tertiary qualification, we accept that in lieu of a school-leaving certificate. If you do not qualify for direct admission to the BTh, you can start with either of the Higher Certificates offered by SATS. Students who have successfully completed the BTh with a counselling focus can apply for entry into the BTh Honours with a counselling focus.

How does it work?

This is a structured BTh programme. You will complete 18 compulsory theology courses and 12 compulsory counselling courses. Theology courses make up 60 per cent (216 credits), and the counselling courses 40 per cent (144 credits).

First Year

- BIB1121 How to Study the Bible
- BIB1123 The Words and Works of Jesus
- PRA1122 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- THE1120 Introduction to Theology
- THE1121 Christian Foundations
- THE1122 Biblical Worldview
- CCC1121 Human Development and Christian Counselling
- CCC1127 Excellence in Christian Counselling - Ethical & Legal Issues
- CCC1128 Theoretical Foundations of Christian Counselling
- CCC1129 Biblical Basis and Introduction to Christian Counselling

Second Year

- BIB2121 Hermeneutics
- BIB2123 Historical Books
- BIB2125 Paul's Letters
- MIS2124 The Mission of God
- THE2122 The Doctrine of Man and Sin (*Prerequisite for THE2123*)
- THE2123 The Doctrine of Salvation (*Prerequisite is THE2122*)
- CCC2121 Psychopathology and Spiritual Conflicts
- CCC2122 Relationships, Marriage and Family Christian Counselling
- CCC2128 Child and Adolescent Christian Counselling
- CCC2129 Counselling Skills (*Practicum-1*)



Bachelor of Theology

WITH A COUNSELLING CONCENTRATION (CONTINUED)

Third Year

- BIB3128 Genesis
- BIB3129 Romans
- MIS3121 World Religions
- THE3121 Doctrine of the Kingdom
- THE3123 Apologetics
- THE3124 Christian Ethics
- CCC3120 People in Crisis - Pastoral Care and Counselling
- CCC3121 Gerontology - Pastoral Care and Counselling
- CCC3122 The Church in Community – Pastoral Care and Counselling

Elective

Students must do ONE of the following two courses:

- CCC3123 Substance Abuse - Pastoral Care and Counselling
- CCC3240 Advanced Counselling Internship (*6 months*)

What textbooks do I need?

For most courses, you are provided with electronic textbooks and readers, but if you choose to enrol for the BTh with a concentration in Christian Counselling, you need to purchase required counselling textbooks. The textbooks are the same as those required for the Higher Certificate in Christian Counselling (see page 43).

How long does it take?

A full-time student can expect to finish the BTh in three years but the average time for part-time students to complete the BTh programme is 6 years. You have a maximum of 8 years to finish.

Please note: We advise students to complete at least 48 credits every twelve months, commencing with the date of enrolment. On average, you will need around 2 hours per day to successfully complete a course in a 3-month term.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. Although our counselling programmes do require the purchase of textbooks, SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which helps to offset the cost of study. Furthermore, as the BTh is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.



Higher Certificate in Christian Counselling

132 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 5

The HCCC is an outstanding programme for training lay counsellors. It is designed for pastoral counsellors and for lay counsellors serving in the context of churches or parachurch organisations. The programme is based on the Paraklesis Model of Christian Counselling, written by Prof. Mervin van der Spuy. This comprehensive programme integrates psychology and theology to offer SATS students bible-based, psychologically-sound counselling training.

Do I qualify?

To register for the HCCC, you need to have a school-leaving certificate. In South Africa, this is a National Senior Certificate (NSC). If you have an accredited tertiary qualification, we accept that in lieu of a school-leaving certificate.

If you do not have a school-leaving certificate, you may be admitted to the HCCC on the basis of RPL. You will be asked to complete the first five courses on probation as stand-alone subjects. If you pass them, demonstrating that the ability to study at this level, you may enrol for the HCCC.

If you complete the HCCC and wish to enrol for the BTh, 60 credits from the HCCC may be transferred to the BTh.

How does it work?

The HCCC requires you to earn 132 credits on NQF level 5. Since all the courses are 12 credits, you must complete 11 courses to earn your certificate.

The courses are divided into compulsory (84 credits) and elective (48 credits) categories. You must do all the compulsory courses and make up the remainder of your curriculum by choosing electives.

The HCCC is a structured programme and courses must be completed in a particular order. Please consult the SATS website (sats.ac.za) for more information about the structure of the HCCC.

Unless otherwise indicated, the pass mark for all assessment tasks is 50 per cent. A distinction is 80 per cent. To pass a course, you must maintain a grade average of 50 per cent or above.

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Higher Certificate in Christian Counselling (continued)

132 CREDITS ON NQF LEVEL 5

These Courses are compulsory:

- CCC1121 Human Development and Christian Counselling
- CCC1127 Excellence in Christian Counselling – Ethical and Legal Issues
- CCC1128 Theoretical Foundations of Christian Counselling
- CCC1129 Biblical Basis and Introduction to Christian Counselling
- CCC2121 Psychopathology and Spiritual Conflicts
- CCC2129 Counselling Skills (*Practicum-1*)
- THE1120 Introduction to Theology

Select any four from these:

- CCC1123 Introduction to Crisis and Trauma Counselling
- CCC1124 Introduction to Domestic Violence and Abuse
- CCC1125 Introduction to Wellness Counselling
- CCC1126 Introduction to Addictions Counselling
- CCC2122 Relationships, Marriage and Family Christian Counselling
- CCC2123 Introduction to Community Care and Counselling
- CCC2124 Introduction to Ageing, Death, Dying and Bereavement
- CCC2127 Introduction to Medicine, Health and Healing
- CCC2128 Child and Adolescent Christian Counselling

How long does it take?

The minimum duration is one year, but the average completion time for part-time students is two years. You have a maximum of three years to finish.

Please note: We advise students to complete at least 48 credits every twelve months, commencing with the date of enrolment. On average, you will need around 2 hours per day to successfully complete a course in a 3-month term.

How much does it cost?

Please consult the SATS website (www.sats.ac.za) for pricing applicable to your region of the world. Please bear the following in mind when assessing the financial implications:

1. You only pay for courses when you are ready to take them. Therefore, your costs are spread over the duration of your programme.
2. Although our counselling programmes do require the purchase of textbooks, SATS students gain free access to our digital library, which helps to offset the cost of study. Furthermore, as the HCCC is offered online, there are no travel or accommodation costs.

Kindly note that prices are adjusted annually.

TEXTBOOKS

You need to purchase the following textbooks for the HCCC:

Collins, G. 2007. *Christian Counseling: a Comprehensive Guide* (Third Edition). Thomas Nelson.

Meier, Minirth, Wichern & Ratcliff. 1999. *Introduction to Psychology and Counseling: Christian Perspectives and Applications*. 2nd Ed. Baker Books.

Tan, S. & Scalise, E.T. 2016. *Lay Counseling: Equipping Christians for a Helping Ministry*. (Revised & Updated). Zondervan.

Tan, Siang-Yang, 2011. *Counseling and Psychotherapy: A Christian Perspective*. Baker Publishing.



Timetable

The Seminary's academic year runs from 1 February to 31 January. The year is divided into four three-month terms.

Timetables for each programme can be found on the SATS website (sats.ac.za).

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1 Feb to 30 Apr	1 May to 31 Jul	1 Aug to 31 Oct	1 Nov to 31 Jan

Table 1: Four Terms

The majority of undergraduate courses in the Higher Certificate in Christian Life (HCCL), Higher Certificate in Christian Counselling (HCCC) and the Bachelor of Theology (BTh) programmes run over a three-month term. Most courses are offered twice each year, either in Term 1 and 3 or in Term 2 and 4.

You should select at least one course from each timeslot—that is, one each from Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the academic year. You are required to complete at least four courses each year.

Language Courses

There are 4 Greek and Hebrew language courses. Each course is run online over a 6-month period.

To reap the full benefits of the Biblical Languages courses, you will need to take all four Greek or Hebrew courses.

Course Descriptions

In pursuit of academic excellence, SATS is constantly adding new courses and revising existing course material. Please consult our website for the most up-to-date information about our course offering, at: <https://sats.ac.za/courses/>.

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