



UCT ONLINE  
HIGH SCHOOL

2024



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# Adult Matric for the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC)

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# Welcome to UCT Online High School



UCT ONLINE  
HIGH SCHOOL

## AN ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE

UCT Online High School completely redefines what it means to “go” to school; we’ve put you front and centre, right where you should be. By using the latest data-driven technology, we’re able to offer a state-of-the-art personalised learning experience just for you.

We know that success in life is based on more than just access to great opportunities, it requires continuous encouragement and support too. This is why we’ve created an unrivalled support network to ensure the well-being of every Adult Matric learner that comes through our online school.

Together, we’ll provide you with all the tools that you need to succeed in high school, university and life.

## OUR MISSION

To accelerate access to world-class high school education, in order to unleash Africa’s potential.



## WHAT OUR LEARNERS HAVE TO SAY...



*"I lost my dad when I was a teenager and I became the sole breadwinner for my two young sisters and mother at a young age. My salary went exclusively for their education and living expenses and house overheads. For the last three years I have been losing job after job for economic reasons. All the companies do want to take new people but it is harder as I get older to find a job without matric. Getting a matric will ensure that I can study further and get opportunities for a job and income. I am very ambitious and want to study in the fields of IT or engineering if I pass my matric. I am 31 years old and currently unemployed. It would be a dream of my late father to complete my matric".*

**- Shanil**



*"I would really like to do my matric online to prove to myself that I am capable of doing something for myself. I always wanted to do my matric but my kids and my marriage became my life and I am financially unstable. I told myself one day when I am financially stable I will do it and even though I am getting older, I feel time is not on my side to fulfil my number one goal on my bucket list. I realised if I don't take this opportunity to uplift myself I will never reach my goal".*

**- Bronwyn**



*"I am a 33 year old mother of 2 and wife to a supportive husband. I've always been unhappy with the educational choices I've made due to a lack of confidence. I've now realised that I want to live to my full potential. I am dropping everything now and want to do my matric again on a Science stream as I've finally decided that I want to do Medicine afterwards, it's always been a dream and I've gathered enough courage to go for it. It's not an easy decision and I'm very much scared but I won't let fear get in my way and I am going to give this opportunity my 100%. This decision is taking a lot from me, time with my family and financial sacrifice but I am willing to pay the price. This scholarship is going to lift the financial burden and this is definitely going to boost my confidence as it is going to be a sign that other people also believe in me. This is also an opportunity to break generational failures, the generation coming after me will be a generation of warriors. Age is just a number and every person deserves to live a fulfilling life".*

**- Boitumelo**





*"As someone who lost his mom at the age of 16 and ended up giving up school to take care of my little brothers. I believe I need this opportunity because I'm passionate about education and I believe it's the gateway to a brighter future. The fact that I wasn't going to school didn't stop me from pursuing other avenues. I managed to work in different departments in different companies which allowed me to gain experience. Even though I have experience, my hunger to study further is still eating me up. I want more for myself. Yes, I sent off my brothers to school to pursue their passions. I believe it's my turn now. The Adult Matric programme will allow me to quench that thirst and hunger for more. I want education. I want more than experience. I want a bright future. I want my matric certificate!"*

**- Donavan**

*"I am 43. I want to study further. I want to be a child psychologist. I have been looking after my dad who was in a wheelchair for five years or so and I was his primary caregiver. I believe that 2023 will be a year of new beginnings for me. I have never finished high school and it is a dream of mine to make my parents proud of me. And the rest of my family".*

**- Abigail**



*"I only completed grade 10 due to circumstances beyond my control and would like to have better options in my life in order for me to support my family, finding a job without matric is really difficult and I would like to provide a better life for my child, I have been unable to complete my matric due to financial difficulties and would really like to better myself and move forward in my life and find a career and study further, without a matric it's difficult to study further even though I want to. I also want to teach my son that no matter what age you are anything is possible".*

**- Phelan**





## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN DOING AN ADULT MATRIC THROUGH UCT ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

### CURATED ACADEMIC CONTENT

*By our experienced Learning Design team*

- Expertly curated content videos by our team of Subject Specialists
- A curriculum which is tailored to the latest government specifications
- Auto graded assessments including access to additional assessments with memos
- Lots of past papers with memos
- No additional textbooks required except for required setworks for languages

### A STRUCTURED PATH TO SUCCESS

*Through structured modules with a suggested workplan and incentives*

- Set-out learning path to ensure accountability and progress
- Academic modules released monthly
- A suggested workplan view to keep you on track
- Rewards incentives to help keep you motivated and on track

### EXCELLENT SUPPORT

*Making sure that you stay on track*

- Our amazing Support Advisors are there to help you succeed by assisting with any administrative questions
- And our reliable Technical Support Team is also always on hand to make sure you adjust to learning online as smoothly as possible

### REGISTRATION SUPPORT

*Crossing those t's and dotting those i's*

- We'll give you a step-by-step guide to help you register with the Department of Basic Education successfully and on time.

### OUR LEARNER FORUM

*Stay connected, engaged and motivated*

- Our peer-to-peer forum is there for adult learners to make friends, share notes, form study groups and generally connect as they encourage one another on their path to success.



The Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) is an opportunity for adult learners who, for whatever reason, did not complete or achieve their Grade 12/matric during their high school years. This programme can also be completed by learners who would like to improve their marks or complete subjects that they did not take in their Grade 12 year. The programme is open to adult learners who are 21 years of age and have completed and, at a minimum, passed a Grade 9 qualification. The ASC makes use of the CAPS curriculum and the final qualification is awarded by Umalusi and the Department of Basic Education.

### ELIGIBILITY TO STUDY

The application requirements for UCT Online High School for Adult Matric as follows:

1. Adult Matric learners who are 21 years and older when they sit for the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) Examination.
2. Adult Matric learners who have a General Education and Training Certificate (GETC).
3. Adult Matric learners must present an identity document or a study permit (foreign nationals).

There is NO formal Admissions Assessment, as the submission of any of the required documents listed above is all that is required.

We will accept foreign nationals provided that they can produce the required documents. The onus is on them to comply with visa requirements from the SA Department of Home Affairs. There are specific criteria for admission to study at UCT Online High School, please refer to our Admissions Policy which outlines all the criteria for admission.

Please contact our Admissions Team for more guidance on on +27 21 140 1792 or at [admissions@uctohs.valentureonline.com](mailto:admissions@uctohs.valentureonline.com)

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP!**

Start the application process now.

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The following subjects are offered for Adult Matric. Please note that it is compulsory to take **six** subjects for the duration of your studies to qualify for an Amended Senior Certificate.

Compulsory Subjects (3)	Electives (a choice of any 3)
<b>Home Language:</b>	Business Studies
English	Economics
<b>First Additional Language (FAL):</b>	Geography
Afrikaans <b>OR</b> IsiXhosa	History
<b>Mathematics:</b>	Physical Sciences (requires Pure Mathematics)
Mathematics <b>OR</b> Mathematical Literacy	Life Science

## ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

We currently do not offer additional subjects.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

There is currently one start date scheduled for 2024:

### February start date

The February start date commences with the General Orientation Course (GOC) on Monday 19 February 2024. This programme aims to allow learners to write in either 2025 May/June external Examination sessions.

Click [here](#) for our yearly calendar.

## AMENDED SENIOR CERTIFICATE (ASC) EXAMINATIONS

The Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) Examinations are facilitated and marked by the DBE. Registrations for these external examinations must be done by the adult learner in-person or online with the closest Provincial Department of Education. Examinations are written in person at examination venues determined by the DBE in May/June each year.

## LEARNER EXPECTATIONS

Adult Matric learners take complete ownership of their academic journey and take responsibility for ensuring that all deadlines and requirements are met.

- We design our ASC Adult Matric course based on learners spending about 3.5 hours per compulsory subject and 3 hours per elective. This works out to approximately 20 hours total study time per week during their studies, but this is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to their previous experience of the subject.
- A high level of self-motivation and good work ethic is required to work through each module, and complete and submit all assessments as and when needed
- A reasonable technical proficiency to be able to work online and master the use of all required tech platforms (G-Suite, Google Workspace, Moodle etc)
- Adult Matric learners will need to be able to upload and submit documents as and when required and/or videos by the required assessment deadlines



## THE IN'S AND OUT'S

### Finance

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
App Fee (2024)	Free	R50
Placement Fee (2024)	Free	R400
Tuition Fee <sup>†</sup>	Free	R800/month*
External Examination Fee <sup>†</sup>	-	None**
Scholarships Available (available periodically)	×	✓
Promotional Discounts (available periodically)	×	✓

\*Commencing 1 March 2024 | \*\* Please note that examination fees are payable to DBE directly and not UCT Online High School

### Programme Information

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
Curriculum	Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS)	Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS)
External Qualification	National Senior Certificate (NSC)	Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) also known as the Senior Certificate (Amended) SC
Grades/Year Groups	Grades 8-12	Post High School
Length of programme	×	In preparation for the examinations in the following calendar year
Suitable for	High School Learners, Educators and Guardians. Adult Learners	Adult Learners who will be over 21 years of age at the time of writing their ASC

### The Learning Model

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
Learner Portal Access	×	✓
Lesson Content Delivery	Interactive lesson notes and instructional videos	Interactive lesson notes and instructional videos
Facilitated Academic Discussion Forums	×	×
Auto-graded Assessments	×	✓
Textbooks Required (with exception of Language Setworks)	×	×
Language Setworks required	×	✓
Weekly Work Plans	×	✓
Monthly Module Release with Submission Deadlines	×	✓
Peer to Peer Academic Forums	×	✓
Live Sessions (weekly "Ask Me Anything" (AMA) sessions and Mastery Bootcamps)*	×	×
Academic Termly Calendars	×	✓



## Support Services

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
Dedicated Support Advisor	✗	✓
Interventions	✗	✓

## Assessments, Examinations and Reporting

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
External Final Examinations		In person at DBE approved centres
Autograded Internal Assessments	✗	✓
Final Qualifications examinations graded by Accrediting bodies	✗	✓

## Beyond the Classroom

	Open Educational Resource (OER)	Adult Matric
Gamification and Rewards Programme	✗	✓
General Orientation Course (GOC)	✗	✓
Well-Being and Engagement Website	✗	✗



## R800 per month (2024)

### FEES INCLUSIVE OF:

- Dynamic digital learning content, including past papers and memos but **excluding** required language setworks
- Access to our online campus and all of our digital tools
- Six subjects in preparation for the **May/June 2025** external examinations
- Support Advisor for administrative support and accountability
- Tech Support Officer for technical support
- Peer-to-peer learner forums
- Flexible suggested work plans

### ADDITIONAL FEES

We don't like to play hide and seek with our fees.

An application fee of **R50** is payable when you submit your application form. This fee covers our administrative costs and is non-refundable.

In order to accept a conditional offer and conditionally secure your place at our school, we require a once off, non-refundable placement fee of **R400**, which also covers your February 2024 tuition fees, to be paid in advance. Although there is no need to purchase any subject textbooks, learners will need to purchase the required setwork for each of their language subjects. These currently include English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa.

Please see the stationery and equipment list [here](#), and the setwork list [here](#).

### FEE TERMS

- A once-off, non-refundable, placement fee of **R400**, which also covers your February 2024 tuition fees, is required to conditionally secure your place at UCT Online High School
- Monthly fees are payable every month for the full duration you are enrolled, including holidays, revision, and external examination months.
- Fees are paid in advance, and your first tuition invoice will be billed on 1 March 2024

Please note *that all fees are subject to an annual increase.*

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## HOW TO APPLY



### Step 1

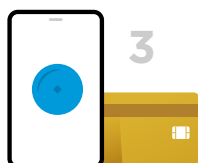
(available on our website [www.uctonlinehighschool.com](http://www.uctonlinehighschool.com))

This should seriously take you less than 10 minutes. There are no documents to submit yet (we'll get those at a later stage), but keep your latest school report on hand. A **R50** application fee is required to submit your application to cover our administrative costs.



### Step 2

Give us some time to process your application. If all goes well, it'll take a few hours before getting an official conditional offer — your golden ticket to a world-class online education.



### Step 3

To accept the conditional offer at UCT Online High School, the payment of a non-refundable placement fee of **R400** is required to cover costs associated with processing an Adult Matric learner's enrolment as well as your February 2024 tuition fees. As part of the final steps in the applications process, your application is reviewed against regulatory requirements and if these requirements are met, final enrolment may be confirmed.

PS. We understand that applying to study at a new institution can be daunting. Our friendly Admissions Consultants love to answer questions and are here to help you every step of the way. You can contact them on +27 21 140 1792 or at [admissions@uctohs.valentureonline.com](mailto:admissions@uctohs.valentureonline.com)

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS?

Your Support Advisor will guide you on your next steps and invite you to attend the General Orientation (GOC). The GOC will provide you with further insights into your programme and expectations.

#### Do you have everything you need?

If this sounds like just the right path to help you achieve success at any age, then enrol now, if you still need still more clarity, read on, we've answered the questions we get asked most.

TAKE  
THE  
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Apply now!



**Thank you  
Enkosi  
Ngiyabonga  
Dankie  
Ke a leboha**