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# Welcome to UCT Online High School



UCT ONLINE  
HIGH SCHOOL



## 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

### FLEXIBILITY

- 3 offerings - 1, 2-3, or 4-6 subjects over your choice of duration (3-18 months)
- Recommended weekly plan to guide your study days and weeks
- 60 modules of content, Learners have the freedom to navigate through the available modules in any order they choose, depending on their prior experience and revision requirements.
- Our flexible subscription model allows you the freedom to pause your studies during months when time or finances are tight, ensuring you can manage your education on your terms.

### CURATED CONTENT

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

### SUPPORT

- 24/7 chatbot and Infohub, an online repository of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and knowledge articles
- Learners can monitor their course progress on the Guardian Portal and Learner Portal, providing an overview of their progress and performance toward their desired ASC examination date.
- Our amazing Support Advisors are there to help you succeed by assisting with any administrative and technical questions
- We'll give you a step-by-step guide to help you register with the Department of Basic Education successfully and on time

### COMMUNITY

- 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.

### REWARDS

- An Academic Rewards Programme, gamified and linked to the completion of tasks on the Online Campus, allows learners to earn tokens as they complete various pieces of work.



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. Be 21 years old when writing the ASC examinations and have a Valid South African Identity Document or a study permit (foreign nationals).
2. The learner is responsible for confirming they are eligible to write the ASC exam and for registering to write the ASC exam with the Department of Education (see requirements [here](#))

There is NO formal Admissions Assessment.

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 at [admissions@uctonlinehighschool.com](mailto:admissions@uctonlinehighschool.com)

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP!**  
Start the application process now.

[Apply now!](#)

## WHAT WE OFFER

With our Adult Matric offering, you have the choice of three offerings

1 Subject
BUNDLE 01
SINGLE SUBJECT

2-3 Subjects
BUNDLE 02
HALF ASC PREP

4-6 Subjects
BUNDLE 03
FULL ASC PREP

## WHICH BUNDLE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

	Suggested duration	Obtain a Matric (ASC)*	Matric upgrade**
<div>1 Subject</div> <div>BUNDLE 01</div> <div>SINGLE SUBJECT</div>	Between 6 - 12 months	✗	<div>✓</div> <div>If the Adult Learner just needs to complete one subject to complete their ASC</div>
<div>2-3 Subjects</div> <div>BUNDLE 02</div> <div>HALF ASC PREP</div>	Between 12 - 36 months	<div>✓</div> <div>Complete the ASC over 2-3 years, taking 3 subjects at a time</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>If the Adult Learner needs to complete 2 or 3 subjects to complete their qualification</div>
<div>4-6 Subjects</div> <div>BUNDLE 03</div> <div>FULL ASC PREP</div>	18 months	<div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>If the Adult Learner needs to complete 4 or more subjects to complete their qualification</div>

**\*Obtain a Matric (ASC)**  
 Adults who left school before completing their matriculation and wish to obtain a qualification equivalent to the National Senior Certificate (NSC)

**\*\*Matric upgrade**  
 Adult Learners who wrote their matric (post 2008) and would like to:

- Pass the subjects they previously failed
- Aim for higher grades
- Add new subjects to their qualification



## WHAT SUBJECTS ARE AVAILABLE?

The UCT Online High School Adult Matric preparation programme offers 11 subjects. The subjects are as follows:

1. English Home Language
2. Afrikaans First Additional Language
3. IsiXhosa First Additional Language
4. Business Studies
5. Economics
6. Geography
7. History
8. Mathematics
9. Maths Literacy
10. Physical Sciences (requires Pure Mathematics)
11. Life Sciences

Please note that to qualify for an Amended Senior Certificate, it is compulsory to complete **six subjects**, two of which must be a Home Language and a First Additional Language.

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## WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE IF I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY AFTER COMPLETING THE ASC?

To gain admission to a university in South Africa with an Amended Senior Certificate (ASC), you'll need to meet specific admission criteria, which can vary depending on the university and the program you are interested in. Here are some general guidelines:

- **Passing Grades:** Typically, universities require you to pass with certain minimum grades. Most commonly, this includes passing:
  - a. At least three subjects at 40% or higher, one of which must be an official language at Home Language level.
  - b. Two additional subjects at 30%, one of which must be an official language at First Additional Language or Home Language level.
  - c. A subminimum of 20% in the sixth subject.
- **Bachelor's Pass Requirements:** For more competitive programs or for bachelor's degree studies, universities often require what's known as a Bachelor's Pass. This usually means higher performance in your matric subjects, sometimes requiring a pass of 50% or more in four subjects
- **Specific Subject Requirements:** Certain university programs may have specific subject requirements. For example, engineering or medical faculties usually require you to have passed subjects like Mathematics and Physical Sciences with higher marks.
- **National Benchmark Tests (NBTs):** Some universities also require the National Benchmark Tests. These assess academic readiness for university study and may be used to complement your ASC results.
- **Additional Requirements:** Universities might consider other factors such as extra curricular activities, leadership roles, and personal statements, especially for competitive programs.

It's important to check directly with the universities you are interested in for their specific requirements. University websites and admission offices can provide detailed information tailored to their application processes and standards.



## 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 either 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.

Reminder: The learner is responsible for confirming they are eligible to write the ASC exam and for registering to write the ASC exam with the Department of Education (see requirements [here](#))

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## LEARNER EXPECTATIONS

Adult Matric learners take complete ownership of their academic journey and take responsibility for working through their content before the May/June ASC examinations.

### **The number of hours required will depend on:**

1. The learner's start date and amount of time to the May/June ASC exams
2. The bundle (i.e number of subjects) they have selected
3. Their previous academic experience

More subjects = more time required to study each week.

### **We expect our Adult Matric learners to have:**

- Time to study each week
- A high level of self-motivation and good work ethic
- A good understanding of how to use technology and work online with the required platforms.
- Be able to upload and submit documents on the Online Campus as and when required

## THE IN'S AND OUT'S

### 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	×	3-18 months depending on start date, selected exam sitting and bundle.
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	×	✓
Peer to Peer Academic Forums	×	✓
Live Sessions (weekly "Ask Me Anything" (AMA) sessions and Mastery Bootcamps)*	×	×



## Support Services

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





## BUNDLE FEES

<b>BUNDLE 01</b> <b>SINGLE SUBJECT</b> <b>R479 per month</b> 1 Subject	<b>BUNDLE 02</b> <b>HALF ASC PREP</b> <b>R649 per month</b> 2-3 Subjects	<b>BUNDLE 03</b> <b>FULL ASC PREP</b> <b>R899 per month</b> 4-6 Subjects
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## FEES INCLUSIVE OF:

- Dynamic digital learning content, including past papers and memos but excluding required language networks
- Access to our online campus and all of our digital tools
- Your selected number of subjects in preparation for the May/June external examinations
- Support Advisor for administrative support and accountability
- Peer-to-peer learner forums
- Recommended weekly plans

## ADDITIONAL FEES

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

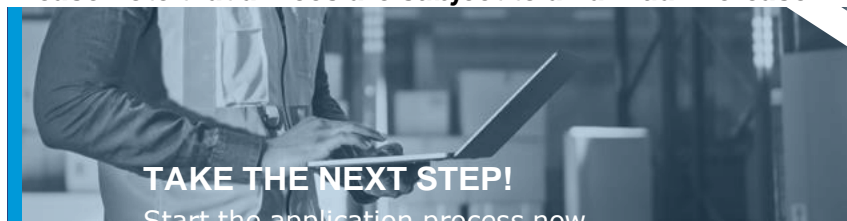
In order to accept a conditional offer and conditionally secure your place at our school, we require you to set up and pay your tuition fee for the first month.

There is no need to purchase any subject textbooks, however learners will need to purchase the required network for each of their language subjects. These currently include English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa. Please see the stationery and equipment list [here](#), and the network list [here](#).

## FEE TERMS

- Monthly fees are payable every month for access to the Adult Matric Preparation Programme
- Fees are paid in advance
- Fees paid are non-refundable, as they are due in advance.

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

[Apply now!](#)

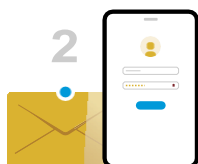
## HOW TO APPLY



### Step 1

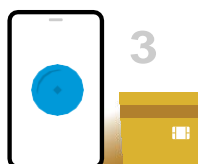
(available on our website [www.uctonlinehighschool.com](http://www.uctonlinehighschool.com))

Create an account and complete your basic information



### Step 2

Select your bundle and associated subjects



### Step 3

Set up your tuition (monthly billing) to accept the conditional offer for the UCT Online High School Adult Matric Programme

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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 at [admissions@uctonlinehighschool.com](mailto:admissions@uctonlinehighschool.com)

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### 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  
NEXT  
STEP!



Apply now!

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