

DRAMA FOR LIFE

The application form must be filled in, signed and posted to the attention of Mrs. Sao Mendes, Wits School of Arts, Private Bag 3, Wits, 2050 with the following documents:

- A letter of motivation that describes why you want to become a major specialist in the area of Capacity Development in HIV/Aids education, activism and therapy, Human Rights and Social Justice, Peace building, Transformation and Diversity Management, and Environmental Sustainability through Applied Drama and Theatre
- A certified copy of academic marks transcript covering all periods of registration at every University you have attended - (Any documentation not in English must be translated and sworn to by an authorized translator), and/or original records of previous workshops, conferences, courses that you have attended, and/or evidence of previous work as a performer and/ or drama teacher/lecturer.
- SAQA accredited copies of any degrees not attained from a South African Tertiary Institution – Enquiries in respect to the evaluation of your qualifications may be addressed to **The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)**
Helpdesk: 086 010 3188
Switchboard: +27 12 431 5000
Fax: +27 12 431 5039
Website: www.saqa.org.za (Kindly ensure that you simultaneously submit your application to SAQA)
- A detailed curriculum Vitae
- At least two letters of references in sealed envelopes with all the particulars of the referees
- Certified copies of relevant certificates
- Certified copy of your passport with an identifiable photograph.
- A non-refundable application fee of R550 is payable by international applicants
- Once we receive and process this information you will receive a letter from the University advising you whether your application was successful for an interview and audition.
- Your application **MUST** clearly indicate that you wish to study Advanced Diploma, BA (Honours) Drama and Film with subjects Applied Drama and Theatre IV A and B; Special Study Project; Introduction to Drama Therapy; Long Essay OR MADA (coursework) with courses Theatre Studies and Performance Theory, Drama in Education, Special Study Project Theatre as Activism, Education and Therapy and Research Report.
- You must apply for residence accommodation – **Ensure that you complete the section for residential accommodation on page 6 of your Post Grad Application Form.**
- You must apply for a Postgraduate Merit Award and/ or Financial Aid Scholarships- **Closing date for Postgraduate Merit Award applications is 31 August 2011. Do not miss this deadline.**
- You must ensure that your signature appears on page 6 of your Post Grad application form.

Please Note:

Incomplete applications will not be processed so please ensure that all the necessary forms are fully filled in, legible and completed and all additional documentation is attached.

Interview and audition

You will be invited to an interview and audition once you have successfully applied for Advanced Diploma. BA (Honours) Drama and Film or MADA (Coursework), depending on where you are, alternatively an interview and audition will be arranged in your home country. Note that The Drama for Life Office will contact you to set up an appointment, and you will need to prepare one performance piece and one drama teaching demonstration.

Should your admission application, interview and audition be successful you will be offered provisional acceptance and the following will be required before commencement of lectures.

1. Let Mrs. Mendes, know as soon as possible of your provisional acceptance.
2. Keep / memorize your student (application) number.
3. Apply for your study permit as soon as you receive your letter of provisional offer of a place to study at the University. No student may register without being in possession of a valid study permit for that year. Apply for your repatriation guarantee. If you have problems, contact the Drama for Life Office.
4. Proof of Scholarship or Financial support for your studies
5. You are responsible for organizing residence applications by the required date.
6. You will be issued with a Fees Clearance Certificate once you have paid your initial fees. Check for details from the fee office.
7. Obtain International Document Clearance Certificate from the International Office. In order to obtain this certificate you will need to produce a Fees Clearance Certificate, valid Study Permit, proof of Medical Aid Cover. International Office will support you in this process.
8. Complete registration at the relevant Faculty Office on or before the registration date. Obtain Certificate of Registration from the Faculty Office (keep a copy).
9.
 - a. Acquire student identification card at the Student Card/ICAM office for access to the campus and student facilities.
 - b. Ensure you participate in the Drama for Life Orientation Program
10. DO NOT
 - o send any cash to us by post;
 - o send any documentation without a short covering letter. Without such a letter your documents may get lost;
 - o fax the completed application form or requested documentation;

- send the information required to apply for a study permit to Wits you must apply direct to the South African Embassy, High Commission, Consulate, Trade Mission or the Department of Home Affairs (if you are already residing in South Africa);
- send the requested information in a foreign language and as ordinary uncertified photocopies - your application will then be classified as incomplete and the process will take longer.

Please note ALL academic applications should reach us on or before:

28th October 2011 for all International applications

30th November 2011 for all South African applications (if applying for residence, applications must reach the University by 28th October)

Kind regards,

Sao Mendes

If you have enquiries on the following:

DRAMA FOR LIFE Programme

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Accommodation

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All enquiries related to study permits and medical aid cover, contact the International Office

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