

## Admission Requirements

1. The deadline for online applications is **31 August** for the following academic year. Visit their website to apply:  
[www.thuthukabursaryfund.co.za](http://www.thuthukabursaryfund.co.za).
2. Students must also apply to Nelson Mandela University to study BCom Accounting - contact us or visit <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Study-at-Mandela/Application>
3. Potential candidates will be contacted by SAICA to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT) as soon as possible. The NBT results are used to assess the applicant's linguistic skills, numeric skills and mathematics aptitude. The final acceptance decision is dependent on the applicant's NBT results, his or her Grade 12 examinations and a financial means test.

Kindly see the admission requirements for Nelson Mandela University's BCom Accounting (CA) programme:

- An Applicant Score (AS) of at least 410 and Mathematics of at least 60% are required.
- For applicants with seven Grade 12 NSC subjects, their AS is calculated by adding the percentages for six 20-credit subjects. This gives a score out of 600. Please note that Life Orientation (LO) is excluded as it is a 10-credit subject.
- For those applicants taking eight or more subjects their AS is calculated as follows: add the percentages obtained for your three main subjects (two languages and Maths, plus the percentage(s) for any subject(s) required by the programme, together with the percentage(s) for the next best / highest subject(s), to a maximum of six subjects.
- In addition, for applicants from Quintile 1, 2 or 3 schools who attain 50% or higher for Life Orientation, 7 points may be added to their score out of 600 to arrive at their final AS. (Quintile 1 to 3 are non-fee paying schools, while Quintile 4 & 5 are fee paying schools.)

Change the World

**NELSON MANDELA**  
UNIVERSITY

### Enquiries

#### General Enquiries

[thuthuka@mandela.ac.za](mailto:thuthuka@mandela.ac.za)

#### Felancia Du Preez

Thuthuka Programme Manager

041 504 2014 | [felancia.dupreez@mandela.ac.za](mailto:felancia.dupreez@mandela.ac.za)

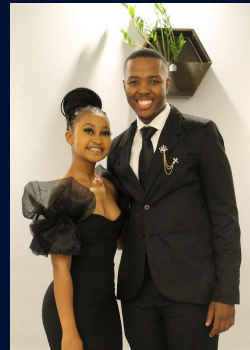
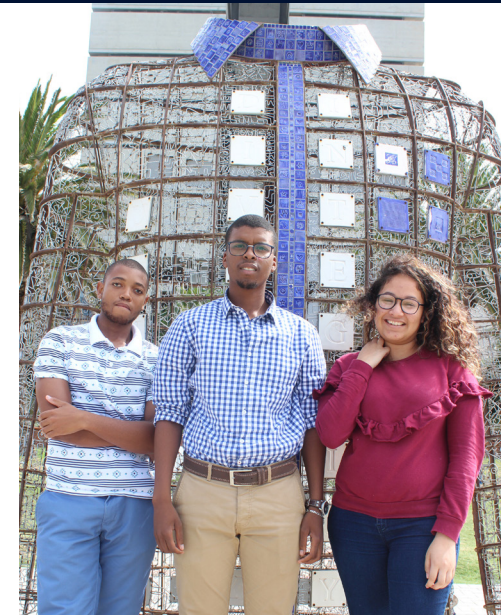
#### Zukiswa Ngqoyiya

Thuthuka Admin Assistant

041 504 2012 | [zukiswa.ngqoyiya@mandela.ac.za](mailto:zukiswa.ngqoyiya@mandela.ac.za)

[accounting.mandela.ac.za](http://accounting.mandela.ac.za)

Find us on Facebook & Instagram:  
Nelson Mandela School of Accounting



[mandela.ac.za](http://mandela.ac.za)

**Faculty of Business and  
Economic Sciences**



**THUTHUKA**  
inspiring success



The Thuthuka bursary programme is a transformation initiative of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) aimed at encouraging previously disadvantaged South African black and coloured learners in schools to pursue a career as Chartered Accountants (CA). "Thuthuka" is a Zulu word which means "to develop".

The bursary programme, which covers all study costs including tuition, accommodation, meals, books and allowances also includes academic and administrative support initiatives to help students succeed in their studies.

If you are chosen for this bursary, you will be placed at Nelson Mandela University, a SAICA-accredited university. Nelson Mandela University was initially selected as one of only four SAICA-accredited universities to offer this bursary programme and we are committed to see you pass your examinations and qualify as a CA (SA).

The Thuthuka programme is managed by a dedicated programme manager and academic coordinators for each year of study. This is a limited bursary opportunity and only a number of students can be accommodated.

## The Thuthuka bursary provides

- Funding in the form of a bursary and NSFAS grant for CA studies;
- Dedicated residence accommodation;
- Dedicated tutorials in financial accounting;
- Formal study sessions;
- A mentoring and monitoring system;
- Additional academic support and interventions;
- A dedicated full-time administrative and financial team;
- These interventions have contributed to the results of students on the Thuthuka programme often exceeding those of students on the mainstream programme.

*"It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." - Former president, Nelson Mandela*

## Why study accounting at Nelson Mandela University?

- We offer a high quality, relevant range of courses and degrees;
- We have highly qualified and experienced academic staff, who hold top leadership positions in the accounting profession;
- We offer a student-centred teaching approach which means that students are provided with extensive academic support from staff and tutors as well as comprehensive and up-to-date course material;
- Nelson Mandela University graduates have consistently obtained outstanding results in SAICA's Qualifying Exams;
- We maintain links with national and international professional accounting bodies;
- Bursaries are available for both merit performance and financial need;
- Our alumni hold top positions in the auditing profession, finance departments, commerce and industry;
- The Thuthuka bursary programme provides students with smaller first and second year accounting classes;
- We have an open-door policy that ensures that each student receives personal attention when needed;
- SAICA has consistently given Nelson Mandela University the top rating during its accreditation reviews, with the most recent review reaffirming this status. This comprehensively speaks to our professional relevance.

*"The Nelson Mandela University Thuthuka bursary has given me, and many other students, the opportunity to successfully walk across the graduation stage. The programme strives to create an optimal learning environment by removing many of the stress factors that you would otherwise face, enabling you to focus on what matters: your academic performance. It is an amazing bursary that has shaped the lives of many and provided many students with the opportunity of a lifetime – to pursue their dreams." - Hackeem Hafkey, Thuthuka Graduate*

