

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN DERMAL AESTHETICS (NQF Level 7, 120 credits, SAQA ID 97898)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025

Thank you for your interest in **The Isa Carstens Academy** and our **Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics**.

The **Isa Carstens Academy** has been built on a solid reputation and heritage for over 45 years. We strive to offer our students excellence in quality training and education. At the Academy, we ensure you obtain the relevant skills, qualities and understanding required to become employable and successful in your future career.

Continued education is a significant step in staying competitive and enhancing your skills.

Whether you are starting your career or returning to continue building upon your years of experience, pursuing educational training helps you **keep moving forward**. Higher education gives you the shoes to take that next step to reinforce your range of marketable skills and credentials, making them **more competitive** - both at your current employer and in the overall job market.

The **Isa Carstens Academy** is a registered Private Higher Education Provider, thereby contributing to and enhancing our industry by offering programmes of high esteem, ensuring your success beyond beauty.

The **Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics** allows graduates to advance their studies in the wellness sciences, permitting them to specialize in the field of medical aesthetics, with career opportunities in Medical Spa, Medical Aesthetic Practices and Dental spas, one of the fastest growing fields in skincare today. The demand for non-surgical facial rejuvenation therapy is rapidly increasing. The partnership between the Medical Practitioner and Advanced Aesthetic Therapist is ideal for providing safe, state-of-the-art patient care.

We look forward to your application and welcome you to Isa Carstens Academy. **Once an ISA – always an ISA!**

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Yolandé Swanepoel
ACADEMIC HEAD

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1. ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN DERMAL AESTHETICS (NQF Level 7, 120 credits, SAQA ID 97898)

The **Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics** is a **distance learning programme** enabling you to continue your employment while completing your qualification. To support you in acquiring the necessary advanced skills, the programme includes various learning opportunities:

- **Online classroom.**
Students participate in these contact sessions through **an interactive online platform** via live streaming, presented once a week in the evening from 18:00 to 20:00.
- **Practical block contact sessions.**
Practical contact sessions are presented by **industry leaders, aesthetic doctors, and other experts in the field of aesthetics**. They take place at the Stellenbosch and Pretoria campuses, and attendance at all three block sessions scheduled throughout the year is compulsory. Each practical block session takes place in March, June and September and usually lasts for one week (Monday to Friday). (Dates to be confirmed).
- **Independent study.**
Study guides and carefully developed assignments/class tests guide you through the course content and prepare you for the summative examinations at the end of your studies.

The minimum duration for the completion of this programme is one year (Full-time), and the maximum period for completion of studies is two years (Part-time).

Should you choose the Part-time study option, you will complete your studies over two years, with compulsory subjects and modules as set out below. You will attend the online contact sessions with the Full-time group when the part-time subjects and modules are presented; however, your practical block sessions are scheduled in the 2nd year of your studies:

- *1st Year compulsory subjects: Advanced Procedures (Semester 1); Practice Management (Semester 1 and 2) and Module 1, 2 & 3 (Semester 1)*
- *2nd Year compulsory subjects: Advanced Procedures (Semester 1 and 2); Research Methodology and Modules 4, 5 & 6 (Semester 2)*

2. COURSE CONTENT

SUBJECTS	NQF LEVEL	CREDITS
Advanced Procedures in Aesthetic Treatments	7	30
Advanced Dermal Science	7	20
Dermal Pathophysiology	7	20
Practice Management	7	15
Applied Cosmetic Science	7	15
Research Methodology	7	20

Modules covered during the course:

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| 1. The Ageing Skin | } | Semester 1 | } | Semester 2 |
| 2. Scarring and Wound Healing | | | | |
| 3. Body Treatments | | | | |
| 4. Pigmentation | } | | | |
| 5. Acne and Rosacea | | | | |
| 6. Allergic and Reactive Skin Conditions | | | | |

3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A three-year Diploma in Somatology (NQF Level 6, 360 credits) **or** equivalent qualification in a cognate field.
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): Students may provide evidence of prior learning. Evidence may be presented in the form of portfolios of evidence or any other form of appropriate evidence, including verified accounts of previous relevant work experience.

Please be aware that after reviewing your application, if you do not have or cannot demonstrate sufficient industry experience, you may be required to successfully complete our **Advanced Bridging Module** before you can enroll in the Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics. The Bridging module is available online, with a practical block session (dates to be determined) and must be completed within one year.

NOTE: Entry into the Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics is not automatic. A limited number of students can be accepted, and selection will be based on academic performance and/or work experience.

4. HOW TO APPLY

Applications will **open on 01 July 2024**, and you will need to apply online through our [website](#). The **closing date for applications is 30 September 2024**. Successful candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application in October, whereafter, a non-refundable reservation fee will be required to secure your place at the Academy.

Should we not receive your non-refundable Reservation fee within two weeks of receiving the outcome of your application, you will automatically be placed on the waiting list, and entry into the programme cannot be guaranteed.

On the application, you must select the correct “**Applicant type (full-time or part-time student)**”. **Your choice is important**, so please choose carefully, as we won't be able to change your study option once you have registered. **Make sure to consider all your options before making your selection.**

Full-time student, defined as a student that will complete their studies in **one year** or

A part-time student is defined as a student who will complete their studies **over two years**.

Applicants must submit the following supporting documents to complete their application. Without these supporting documents, we cannot process your application:

- A certified copy of your ID document or passport;
- A certified copy of your Grade 12/or equivalent results;
- A certified copy of your tertiary qualifications obtained/in progress, including the academic transcript;
- Detailed CV with work experience (compulsory for applicants with work experience)

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Before we can process your application, it is important to verify your qualification/s through SAQA (The South African National Qualifications Framework), which is designed to assess foreign qualifications.

You will need to visit the [SAQA website](#) to initiate the verification process. Once you receive the evaluation feedback, please submit the outcome to the Admissions and Registrations office at adminofficer@isacarstens.co.za so we can continue processing your application.

Study Visa: International students must adhere to South Africa's study visa requirements. Click [here](#) for the requirements.

6. COURSE FEES

Please note: The course fee 2024 is displayed below to guide you on the current fees. The final tuition fees for **2025** will be confirmed by **October 2024**.

A. FULL-TIME STUDENTS ONLY: You will complete your course in 1 year

FULL-TIME STUDENTS have 2x Payment options.			
Option 1: Full course fees upfront		Option 2: 2 x fixed Installment terms:	
<i>*Due on or before 10 January 2025</i>		<i>*1st Installment due on or before 10 January 2025</i>	
		<i>*2nd Installment due on or before 30 June 2025</i>	
		1st Installment is due on or before 10 January 2025	
Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500	Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500
Tuition Fees 2024	R 65 575	Tuition Fees 2024	R33 698
Uniform	R487	Uniform	R487
TOTAL COURSE FEES FOR OPTION 1	R71 562	FEES FOR 1st INSTALLMENT	R39 685
		2nd Installment is due on or before 30 June 2025	
		Non-refundable Reservation	R4 000
		Tuition Fees 2024	R31 877
		FEES FOR 2nd INSTALLMENT	R35 877
		TOTAL COURSE FEES FOR OPTION 2	R75 562

B. PART-TIME STUDENTS ONLY: You will complete your course over two years

PART-TIME STUDENTS			
Year 1		Year 2	
Full Payment due on or before 10 January 2025		Full Payment due on or before 10 January 2026	
Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500	Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500
Tuition Fees 2024	R28 689	Tuition Fees 2024	R36 886
		Uniform	R487
FEES FOR 1st YEAR	R34 189	FEES FOR 2nd YEAR	R42 873
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COURSE FEES FOR PART-TIME STUDIES		R77 062