

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN DERMAL AESTHETICS

(NQF Level 7, 120 credits, SAQA ID 97898)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2027

Thank you for enquiring about the **Isa Carstens Academy** and our **Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics**.

The **Isa Carstens Academy** has been built on a solid reputation and heritage over the past 48 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**. And 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 specialise 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 the ideal collaboration to provide safe, state-of-the-art patient care.

If you are interested in this course, please find information and procedures for completing your application below. We look forward to your application and welcome you to Isa Carstens Academy. **Once an ISA – always an ISA!**

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Inge Ferreira
ACADEMIC HEAD

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1. ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN DERMAL AESTHETICS

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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:

- **Contact sessions** through an interactive online platform.
Students participate in the session via live streaming. Sessions will be presented one evening a week from 18:00 – 20:00, after which they will be uploaded to an online student platform where the session can be accessed should you not be able to attend the session.
- **Practical block contact sessions.**
Practical contact sessions will be hosted at the Stellenbosch and Pretoria campuses. **It is compulsory for you to attend all three block sessions scheduled throughout the year.** The duration is usually one week per block session (Monday – Friday).
- **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 |
| 2. Scarring and Wound Healing | | |
| 3. Body Treatments | | |
| 4. Pigmentation | | |
| 5. Acne and Rosacea | } | Semester 2 |
| 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.

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 **open on 01 July 2026**. The online application on our [website will be available on 1 July 2026](#). The **closing date** for applications is **30 September 2026**. Successful candidates will be informed during October of the outcome of their application, whereafter a non-refundable Reservation fee is required to secure their 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.

- 4.1 Type of Applicant:** Please choose carefully, as we cannot change your study option once you applied.

Full-time student, defined as a student that will complete their studies in 1-Year, or
A part-time student is defined as a student who will complete his/her studies over two years.

All 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); and
- Study permit (for non-SA Resident students) on or before Registration.

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You need to apply for your qualification/s to be verified before we can process your application. The evaluation function aims to recognise foreign qualifications in terms of the South African National Qualifications Framework. You must visit the SAQA website and follow the steps to register <https://www.saga.org.za/evaluation-foreign-qualifications>. Once you receive your feedback, please submit the outcome to the Admissions and Registrations office for your application to be processed to: adminofficer@isacarstens.co.za.

Study Permit: All International students must apply for his/her study permit before the starting date of the course, and proof of their study permit must be submitted to the Academy.

6. COURSE FEES

Please note: The course fee for 2026 is displayed below to guide you as to what the current fees are.

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

Option 1: Full course fees upfront	
<i>*Due January</i>	
Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500
Tuition Fees 2026	R76 250
Textbooks	R880
Uniform	R610
TOTAL COURSE FEES FOR OPTION 1	R83 240

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

PART-TIME STUDENTS			
Year 1		Year 2	
Full Payment due January		Full Payment due January	
Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500	Non-refundable Reservation Fee	R5 500
Tuition Fees 2026	R28 732	Tuition Fees 2026	R47 519
Uniform	N/A	Uniform	R610
Textbooks	N/A	Textbooks	R880
FEES FOR 1st YEAR	R34 232	FEES FOR 2nd YEAR	R54 509
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COURSE FEES FOR PART-TIME STUDIES		R88 741