

NELSON MANDELA
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INTERNATIONAL LEARNING & TEACHING WEEK

**TOWARDS HUMAN-TECHNOLOGY SYNERGIES:
GLOBAL INNOVATIONS FOR TRANSFORMING HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION
AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE**



Africa International Learning & Teaching Week 2026

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Faculty of Health Sciences | Gqeberha, South Africa



Welcome

Welcome to Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth), South Africa, and to Nelson Mandela University's Faculty of Health Sciences. We are delighted to host delegates from across Africa and beyond for the 2026 Africa International Learning & Teaching Week.

This guide has been developed to assist national and international guests with accommodation, transport, campus orientation, emergency contacts, and general information to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable stay.

Event Theme

Towards Human-Technology Synergies: Global Innovations for Transforming Health Professions Education and its Implications for Ethical Leadership and Governance

Event Details

Dates

28 September – 02nd October 2026

Host Faculty

Faculty of Health Sciences

Nelson Mandela University Faculty Information ([Learning and Teaching - Faculty of Health Sciences](#))

Venue

Ocean Sciences Campus

Summerstrand, Gqeberha, South Africa

The Ocean Sciences Campus is situated adjacent to the North and South Campuses in Summerstrand and forms part of the university's coastal campus precinct.

About

Gqeberha is a coastal city located in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The Summerstrand area is known for its beaches, university campuses, restaurants, and accommodation establishments. <https://www.britannica.com/place/Gqeberha>





Weather During September – October

September and October mark the **spring season** in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), offering pleasant weather and longer daylight hours.

- **Daytime temperatures:** typically, 18°C – 26°C
- **Morning and evening temperatures:** 13°C – 17°C
- Mostly sunny and mild conditions
- Occasional light rainfall may occur
- A light jacket or jersey is recommended for mornings and evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat are advisable for outdoor activities

Currency

- South African Rand (ZAR)

Time Zone

- South African Standard Time (SAST / GMT+2)

Languages

Commonly spoken languages include:

- English
- isiXhosa
- Afrikaans

Important Information for International Delegates

Electricity

South Africa uses:

- 230V electricity supply
- Type M plugs (large round pins)

Travel adapters are recommended.

Transport

From Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport

Travel time to Summerstrand:

- Approximately 10–15 minutes by car
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Recommended transport options:

- Uber
- Bolt
- Hotel shuttle services
- Registered airport taxis
- Car rentals
 - SANI SIXT Rent A Car - Port Elizabeth Airport - <https://sani.co.za/car-rental/port-elizabeth-gqeberha-dawid-stuurman-airport/>
 - Avis Rent a Car - Port Elizabeth Airport - <https://www.avis.co.za/>
 - Budget Rent a Car - Port Elizabeth Airport <https://www.budget.co.za/>
 - Europcar Port Elizabeth Airport - <https://www.europcar.co.za/rental-locations/rsa/eastern-cape/port-elizabeth-int-airport>
 - Bluu Car Rental Gqeberha International Airport - <https://www.bluucarrental.com/>

Safety Tips

Summerstrand is generally considered one of the safer areas in Gqeberha; however, standard safety precautions are advised.

Please:

- Avoid walking alone at night and travel in groups where possible
- Keep valuables secure
- Use reputable transport services
- Keep emergency numbers saved on your phone

Accommodation Options in Summerstrand

The following accommodation establishments are conveniently located near Nelson Mandela University campuses.

Hotels

The Beach Hotel - <https://www.thebeachhotel.co.za>

- 041 583 2161
- Beachfront accommodation

- Restaurant and Wi-Fi
- Approximately 5–10 minutes from campus

Radisson Blu Hotel, Port Elizabeth –

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-port-elizabeth?cid=a%3Ase+b%3Agmb+c%3Aemea+i%3Alocal+e%3Ard+b%3Amea+h%3AAZAPLZ1>

- 041 509 5000
- Ocean-facing hotel
- Business facilities
- Gym and restaurant
- Close proximity to NMU campuses

City Lodge Hotel Gqeberha - <https://citylodgehotels.com/>

- 041 584 0322
- Near Boardwalk precinct
- Secure parking and Wi-Fi

Guesthouses & B&Bs

Admiralty Beach House - www.theadmiralty.co.za

- 083 555 6370
- Boutique guesthouse
- Walking distance to beach

Brighton Lodge - www.brightonlodge.co.za

- 041 583 4576
- Comfortable rooms
- Airport transfers available
- Suitable for international visitors

Carslogie House - www.carslogie.co.za

- 041 583 5251
 - Popular with business travellers
 - Close to university and beachfront
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Nearby Amenities

Shopping Centres

- Boardwalk Mall
- Summerstrand Village
- Walmer Park Shopping Centre

Pharmacies

- Clicks
- Dis-Chem
- Pharmacy at Boardwalk Mall

Banking

Major South African banks include:

- Standard Bank
- FNB
- Nedbank
- ABSA

ATMs are widely available.

Ocean Sciences Campus Information

Campus Address

Ocean Sciences Campus

Gomery Avenue, Summerstrand

Gqeberha, South Africa

Ocean Sciences Campus Layout

The Ocean Sciences Campus includes lecture venues, conference facilities, cafeteria areas, and research spaces. Main campus blocks are identified alphabetically.

Key Facilities

- A Block
 - B Block Lecture Facilities
 - Commons/Cafeteria & Conference Facilities
 - Science Centre
 - Main Entrance
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- Link access to surrounding campuses

Nearby Campuses

- North Campus
- South Campus

Campus Navigation

Useful Campus Resources

[Campus Maps and Navigation](#)

[Ocean Sciences Campus Map \(PDF\)](#)

Emergency Contacts

National Emergency Numbers

Service	Number
Emergency Services	112
Ambulance	10177
South African Police Service	10111
Fire & Rescue	10177

Nelson Mandela University Emergency & Protection Services

Campus Protection Services

Nelson Mandela University Protection Services

- 24-hour campus security
- Patrol services
- Emergency response support

Main University Contact

Telephone: +27 41 504 1111

Ocean Science Campus Security 041 504 4948

Recommended Items to Bring

- Passport and visa documentation
- Travel insurance documents

- Warm clothing for evenings
- Universal power adapter
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Personal medication

Places of Interest

Delegates may wish to explore:

Boardwalk Mall

Shopping, restaurants, entertainment

Addo Elephant National Park

Popular safari destination approximately 1 hour away

Kings Beach

One of Gqeberha's well-known beaches

Contact Persons

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Notes

- Please always wear your conference identification badge.
- Wi-Fi access details will be provided during registration.
- Delegates are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes before sessions commence.
- Shuttle and transport arrangements will be communicated closer to the event date.



We Look Forward to Welcoming You

We hope your visit to Nelson Mandela University and Gqeberha is both academically enriching and personally memorable. Safe travels and welcome to Gqeberha, South Africa!

