

## **MSc in Infection Prevention and Control**

### *Programme description*

This is a research-based degree programme, comprising a research project (100% of the credits) with no theoretical modules. The candidate shall plan and implement a research project and submit a thesis in the format specified in the study guide. The initial research protocol shall be approved by the departmental research committee and the Health Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

### *Specific admission requirements*

For admission to the MSc in IPC degree programme, an applicant:

- shall provide evidence of competency in study design, data management, statistics and research methodology, as well as of computer literacy;

and

- shall hold:  
a suitable honours bachelor's degree with the required number of credits at level 8;

and

the Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Control (PG Dip (Infection Control)) of this University;

or

a similar qualification from another recognised university;

or

other major subjects in sciences at honours level, with strong motivation for application for and successful completion of an admission examination (such students may be admitted on condition that they fulfil the admission requirements as defined in the Calendar of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of this University).

Depending on the field of study, additional work or proof of competency (or both) may also be required.

Only a limited number of applicants is selected annually.

### *Duration*

The programme extends over a minimum of one year for full-time students and two years for part-time students.

### *Presentation*

English.

### *Module outline and credit values*

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| Thesis (Infection Prevention and Control) | 872(180) |
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### *Assessment and examination*

The final mark for the programme will be calculated as follows:

- the protocol (20% of the final mark);
- the average of the marks of the internal and external examiners for the thesis (65% of the final mark); and
- an oral examination (15% of the final mark). The oral examination is compulsory.

### *Enquiries*

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