

MMed Anatomical Pathology

MMed (Anat Path)

Specific admission requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements for MMed programmes outlined in section 5.3.1 of the “General admission and selection requirements for the MMed programmes”, the following recommendations apply:

- Completion of the Pathology for non-Pathology disciplines module prior to application.
- For self-funded registrars:
 - Evidence of competence in academic English (e.g. IELTS – band 7).

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a five years.

Programme description

The programme comprises various components including:

- Applied Histology
- Cytopathology
- Good Laboratory Practice and Medical Ethics
- Laboratory Management
- Molecular Pathology
- Neuropathology
- Autopsy Techniques and Principles of Forensic Medicine
- Research Methodology
- Research Assignment

The programme includes six months’ training in all aspects of cytopathology, comprehensive training in diagnostic surgical pathology, and the execution of autopsies. The academic training follows a structured didactic programme with regular formal assessments. The completion of a research assignment is compulsory to obtain the MMed degree.

Programme content

All modules are compulsory.

Anatomical Pathology Part I	874(120)
Anatomical Pathology Part II	872(210)
Research Assignment	873(120)

Assessment and examination

Part I

- This examination comprises the FC Path(SA) Anat Part I examination as stipulated in the regulations for admission to the Fellowship of the College of Pathologists of South Africa in Anatomical Pathology.
- You must pass the Part I examination within 24 months of commencement of service as

registrar in Anatomical Pathology. If you fail to pass the Part I examination within 24 months, you will be excluded from further participation in the programme.

- In the event of exceptional circumstances and in response to an appropriate motivation, the Postgraduate Programme Committee of Anatomical Pathology will consider a recommendation to extend your training time on condition that you pass the Part I examination at the next opportunity. A final decision will rest with the Committee for Postgraduate Teaching of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and be in keeping with NHLS policy.

Part II

- This examination comprises the FC Path(SA) Anat Part II examination as stipulated in the regulations for admission to the Fellowship of the College of Pathologists of South Africa in Anatomical Pathology.
- You may be admitted to the Part II examination having:
 - completed the FC Path(SA) Anat Part I examination;
 - completed at least three and a half years' training as an Anatomical Pathology registrar, including at least six months' full-time training in cytopathology;
 - achieved all the outcomes as indicated in the training portfolio of the College of Pathologists of South Africa in Anatomical Pathology; and
 - achieved all the outcomes as indicated in the relevant MMed (Anat Path) study guide, including completion of all the required components, satisfactory performance in the flexible assessments during the training period, and significant progress with the research assignment at the time of applying for admission to the examination.

Research assignment

You must pass the research assignment according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University before the MMed degree is awarded.

Final mark

The final mark is calculated as follows:

- MMed assignment – 25%; and
- FC Path(SA) Anat Part II examination – 75%.

Enquiries

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