

MMed Forensic Pathology

MMed (Forens Path)

Specific admission requirements

The following specific admission requirement applies in addition to the general admission requirements for MMed programmes as mentioned in section 5.3.1 above:

- The Diploma in Forensic Pathology (Dip For Med (SA) Path) of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa is strongly recommended.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over four years.

Programme content

Applied Histology for Forensic Pathology	876(20) *
Forensic Pathology	872(80), 873(220)
Good Laboratory Practice and Medical Ethics	825(10) *
Laboratory Management	875(10) *
Molecular Pathology	875(10) *
Research Methodology	873(10) *
Research Assignment	827(120)

* Generic pathology modules

It is strongly recommended that you:

- complete the module in Applied Histology for Forensic Pathology before attempting the Forensic Pathology Part I module; and
- complete the Research Methodology module before starting the MMed assignment.

Assessment and examination

- All modules offered by the Division of Forensic Pathology are assessed by means of:
 - written papers; and/or
 - oral examinations; and/or
 - microscopic/macrosopic pathology practical assessments; and
 - flexible assessment.
- Admission to the Forensic Pathology Part II examination will only be granted if you have successfully completed all the modules. The examination consists of:
 - two written papers;
 - a medico-legal autopsy;
 - a histopathology examination; and
 - an oral examination.
- Police docket evaluation may be expected at the discretion of the examiners.
- The assignment must be presented as a research assignment in a prescribed format, and will be assessed by both internal and external examiners.
- The final mark will be calculated as follows:
 - the Forensic Pathology Part II examination – 65%;

- the assignment – 25%; and
 - the flexible assessment – 10%.
- You must submit a portfolio of evidence of learning, including a record of procedures and activities (log-book), as part of the flexible assessment before the degree can be awarded. Details of flexible assessment are provided in the study guide.
- The HPCSA requires that you successfully complete the single national exit examination to register as a specialist.
- The Division acknowledges the single national exit examination as equivalent to and substituting the MMed (Forens Path) Part II examination.
- It, however, remains the responsibility of the Division to confirm the following:
 - successful completion of appropriate training time;
 - submission of a portfolio of evidence of learning, including a log-book of procedures and activities, as part of flexible assessment; and
 - successful completion of an assignment according to the regulations of the University.

Enquiries

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