

# MPhil in Addiction Psychiatry

## *Specific admission requirements*

- One of the following qualifications:
  - a Master of Medicine in Psychiatry;
  - a fellowship of the College of Psychiatrists of South Africa; or
  - an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for this purpose.
- Registration as medical practitioner in the category independent practice/specialist psychiatrist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

## *Application procedure and closing date*

Apply online at [www.maties.com](http://www.maties.com) by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

## *Duration of programme*

The programme extends over two years.

## *Programme description*

The teaching and learning strategy in each module is determined by the nature of the subject. Modules are presented within the framework of a student-centred approach with the purpose of stimulating critical thinking. The programme uses didactical methods, interactive learning, group sessions and supervised clinical work. Independent learning is encouraged. The research assignment is completed under the guidance of a supervisor.

## *Programme content*

### **First year**

Ethics of Addiction	871(5)
Assessment of Substance Misuse	871(10)
Clinical Addiction Psychiatry	871(70)
Neurobiology of Chemical Addiction	871(5)

### **Second year**

Service Management	871(5)
Pharmacology of Chemical Dependence	871(5)
Research Methodology	871(5)
Public Health Approach to Addiction	871(5)
Psychosocial Interventions	871(10)
Research Assignment	871(60) *

\* The research assignment is completed over the course of the two years.

## *Assessment and examination*

- Flexible assessment is applicable to all modules. Successful completion of a module is subject to satisfactory participation.

- If you do not show adequate clinical and/or professional progress (as outlined in the module/programme guide), you will be afforded an opportunity to remediate your inadequate clinical and/or professional conduct or performance. If you fail to remediate, you may only repeat the module or continue with the programme on recommendation of the departmental programme committee and the approval of the Faculty Board.
- You must pass an exit examination on all modules at the end of the programme with a minimum mark of 50%. If you fail the exit examination, you may take a supplementary examination. If you fail the second exit examination, you may, on recommendation of the Postgraduate Programme Committee and approval of the Faculty Board, be denied the right to qualify for the MPhil in Addiction Psychiatry.
- You must submit a satisfactory research assignment demonstrating your ability to conduct an independent scientific investigation, to interpret the results and to make deductions from the results.
- The research assignment is assessed according to the guidelines of Stellenbosch University and a minimum of 50% must be achieved to pass the research assignment.
- The final mark is calculated according to the credit weights of the exit examination (120 marks and the research assignment (60 marks).
- You must obtain a final mark of at least 50% to pass the programme.

### ***Enquiries***

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