

Postgraduate Diploma in Addiction Care

Specific admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree and appropriate professional registration in a field relevant to health or social welfare, e.g. social work, medicine, nursing, psychology (a four-year bachelor's degree, such as a BPsych, or alternatively a three-year bachelor's degree and a one-year honours degree, such as a BA in Psychology followed up by a BAHons) or occupational therapy.
- A nursing diploma with an Advanced Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Science will also be deemed equivalent to a four-year nursing degree and thus meet the admission criteria.
- At least two years' professional experience will be an advantage.
- You will be considered for admission if have a three-year diploma in nursing or social work, or any other relevant qualification will be considered in accordance with the assessment and recognition of prior learning policy regarding the diploma. The policy is available from the programme leader.
- You must be fluent in both written and spoken English.
- You must be computer literate and have access to the internet. You may be required to use mobile and/or recording devices for participation in certain programme activities.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

Duration of programme

The programme is presented part-time over two years.

Programme description

The Postgraduate Diploma in Addiction Care aims to enrich, broaden and consolidate your knowledge and expertise as a professional working within the field of addiction care, by providing you with a review of the current evidence-based literature relevant to this field. The purpose of the diploma programme is to improve your care for patients with substance use disorders, rather than to provide basic knowledge or research capacity.

The curriculum covers the most important areas within the field of addiction care and will help mould well-rounded addiction-care practitioners.

This qualification, however, does not entitle you to provide professional counselling unless your registration with a professional body or the scope of practice of your previous qualification(s) permit you to do so.

Programme outcomes

After completion of the programme you should have:

- A comprehensive knowledge of the theory relevant to the field of addiction;
- Holistic skills to provide effective, evidence-based interventions to patients with substance use disorders; and

- Suitable skills to study professional and ethical practices.

Presentation

The programme is offered in a modular manner.

The programme is offered by means of blended learning and will include e-learning, guided self-study, assignments, homework tasks and experiential learning, as well as formal lecture weeks. You must log compulsory practical hours.

Programme content

You must complete all four modules. If you do not pass all your first-year modules, you can register for the modules of the second year while repeating the outstanding modules of the first year, should you choose to do so.

First year

Evidence-based Treatment	775(36)
Introduction to Addiction	775(24)

Second year

Addiction and Special Groups	775(36)
Addiction Services	775(24)

Assessment and examination

- You must show satisfactory attendance of classes and participation in e-learning activities and obtain a class mark of at least 40% for each module to be eligible to write the examination in that module.
- The class mark is consists of the marks for flexible assessment and assessment of assignments. 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 obtain a final mark of at least 50% to pass a module. The final mark consists of the class mark and the examination mark for each module according to the rules in Part 1 (General) of the University Calendar.
- Re-examinations can either be written or oral examinations.
- You must pass all modules with a final mark of at least 50% to qualify for the diploma, and you will be allowed to graduate only if you have submitted a logbook to confirm satisfactory participation of the prescribed hours of practical work. The final mark for the programme is calculated as the average of the marks for the completed modules.

Enquiries

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