

Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine

Specific admission requirements

- Have an MBChB degree of this University, or another qualification considered by the University to be of an adequate standard, for at least two years.
- You must be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa or an equivalent registration body outside South Africa.
- If you are applying with foreign qualifications and you did not use English as medium of instruction for your undergraduate studies, you may be required to provide evidence of your oral and academic writing proficiency in English.
- You must be working in a clinical setting appropriate to the practice and learning of family medicine.

Please note: You can possibly be given partial or full exemption, on the basis of comparable academic training and professional experience that you gained at another acknowledged institution.

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**.

Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide if you can be admitted to the programme.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme description

The Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine aims to provide you as a doctor with a course of study that would expand your knowledge and skills in family medicine and primary care. The programme also aims to enhance the quality of family medicine/general practice, and to provide for professional development in the discipline.

Please note: You must read the calendar entry for this programme in conjunction with the more comprehensive outline of the programme regulations provided to you upon admission to the programme.

Programme outcomes

As a graduate of the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine you should be able to:

- assess and treat patients with both undifferentiated and more specific problems in a cost-effective way according to the bio-psychosocial approach;
- provide all health care in an ethical, compassionate and responsible manner, and show respect for human rights while doing so;
- promote the general health and quality of life of the community; and
- evaluate and reflect on your personal and professional strengths and weaknesses in order to change your professional practice in an appropriate manner according to the best available evidence.

Presentation

The programme is offered in a modular manner by means of real-time learning.

Programme content

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| Clinical Primary Care | 775(20) |
| Primary Care Consultations | 775(20) |
| Community-oriented Primary Care | 741(20) |
| Clinical Governance for Primary Care | 775(20) |
| Core Dimensions of Primary Care | 775(20) |
| Learning in Primary Care Teams | 775(20) |

Assessment and examination

- You must pass all six modules with a final mark of at least 50%.
- If you fail a module or the final examination in a module, you may repeat the module or the examination. Modules are only offered once a year. To repeat a module, you must enrol for the module again in the following academic year. If you are required to repeat the examination in a module only, you may attempt a supplementary examination in the same year.
- If you have failed a module or the examination in a module for the second time, you may be denied the right to attempt the module or examination again on recommendation of the Faculty Board.
- As exit examination you must sit the examination for the Higher Diploma in Family Medicine of the College of Family Physicians of South Africa. The cost of the examination is not included in the university fees. For more information, visit the website of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa at www.cmsa.co.za.
- If you have failed an exit examination, you may sit a supplementary examination. If you, however, fail a second exit examination, you may be denied the right to qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine on recommendation of the Faculty Board.
- To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine, you must obtain a final mark of not less than 50%.
- To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine with distinction, you must obtain a final mark of at least 75%.

Enquiries

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