

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Care Management

Specific admission requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in health sciences, in economic and management sciences, or in social sciences on NQF level 7.
- Demonstrated academic ability and relevant workplace experience.
- You must also prove that you are adequately proficient in English and in writing for postgraduate academic studies and research.

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**.

You must submit a written motivation for entry into the programme as well as proof of your proficiency in English and in writing for postgraduate academic studies and research.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years and is presented on a part-time basis.

Programme description

The purpose of the programme is to prepare you for advanced and specialised professional employment within the health system, and to develop your knowledge and skills in health care management at an advanced level in an applied work setting. The curriculum is based on workplace leadership and managerial roles. Assignments are practical and applied and include an applied professional assignment which resembles workplace experience and challenges in health care organisations.

The postgraduate diploma provides a strong conceptual foundation for theoretically and methodologically grounded engagements with applied concerns regarding health care management and sets you up for professional work or further academic study.

This programme is hosted by the Division of Health Systems and Public Health in the Department of Global Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The programme consists of a core set of modules, with a practical assignment by means of a health management report.

Programme content

All modules are compulsory; 60 credits are prescribed for the first year, and a further 60 credits for the second year. The health management report will be incorporated into the second-year modules.

First year

Health Systems, Policy and Financing	775(10)
Leadership and Innovation in Health Care	737(5) *
Strategy, Marketing and Communication	775(10)
Managing Self and Others for Optimal Service Delivery	775(10)
Quality Improvement, Clinical Governance and Patient Care	775(10)
Project Management	775(10)

Second year

Evidence and Information in Health Management	775(10)
Financial Leadership and Governance for Effective Health Care Delivery	775(10)
Leadership and Innovation in Health Care	757(5) *
Managing Operations	775(10)
Managing Health Technology and Infrastructure	775(10)
Health Management Report	775(20)

* Leadership and Innovation in Health Care is a longitudinal module completed over the course of the programme.

Assessment and examination

Each module is assessed by means of assessment in the form of:

- class tests;
- short assignments during tutorials;
- individual and group participation; and
- longer written assignments before or after the contact sessions for a particular module.

Enquiries

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