

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Service Management

Please note: This programme was redesigned according to amended requirements by the South African Nursing Council (SANC). The new programme was submitted for accreditation to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the Council on Higher Education (CHE), as well as for registration with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and SANC. The programme will be implemented as soon as the accreditation and registration of the programme has been finalised with all external bodies.

Specific admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree in nursing on NQF level 8, a four-year diploma in nursing or an equivalent nursing qualification on NQF level 7; or
- A bachelor's degree in Nursing (R174) and the Diploma in Nursing: General Nurses (R171) with the Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R1497).
- Registration with SANC as a Professional Nurse and Midwife (NQF level 8) or a General Nurse with a Midwifery qualification (NQF level 7).
- Two years' experience as a Registered/Professional Nurse and Midwife, which includes experience in the field of the speciality within the last two years.
- Computer literacy is highly recommended.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **31 October** of the previous year.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one academic year.

Programme description

The programme studies the role of the nursing manager in ensuring efficient management at the various levels of healthcare services. This includes applying managerial and leadership principles in an ethical way, managing human capital, evaluating and drawing up of policies, managing public health and finances and risks and disasters, and utilising research and technological skills to improve healthcare outcomes and quality of work life for nursing staff.

The teaching method is based on the following principles:

- You will be required to learn and study independently while the educator provides guidance and facilitates learning.
- Your analytical, critical, reflective and creative thinking skills will be developed through problem-solving, assignments, e-learning assessments on SUNLearn (<http://learn.sun.ac.za>), case studies, etc.
- You will be exposed to clinical practice so that you can relate theory to practice for yourself. In the health services management field, this occurs through experiential learning.
- Approved/accredited healthcare facilities will offer you the opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge in your own practice to become a more proficient health services manager.
- The theoretical component directly relates to the practical objectives of the programme to broaden your knowledge of health services management.

Presentation

Theory is presented in block periods on the Tygerberg Campus and as telematic presentations as per the academic calendar. Work-integrated learning comprises of simulation learning, clinical practice for experiential learning and role-taking at clinical facilities that SANC has specifically accredited for Stellenbosch University.

Programme content

You must achieve at least 50% in the required nursing management practicums for a specific module to qualify for admission to the examination in that module.

Evidence-based Practice	XXX(8)
Health Services Management Practices	XXX(26)
Human Resource Management	XXX(20)
Leadership and Development in Specialist Practice	XXX(8)
Leadership and Management	XXX(30)
Praxis of Specialist Practice	XXX(8)
Risk and Financial Management	XXX(20)

Assessment and examination

- A variety of formative and summative assessment methods are used. You will be assessed based on:
 - assignments;
 - the application of research principles and methods;
 - skills in specialist areas;
 - case studies;
 - discussions with hospital management on the policy, protocols and managerial functions addressed in each specific module;
 - portfolios of evidence; and
 - written tests and examinations.
- Each module is assessed separately; and you must achieve at least 50% in a module to pass.
- If you fail a module for the second time, you will not be allowed to continue with the programme.

Enquiries

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