

# Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Toxicology

## *Specific admission requirements*

- A bachelor's degree (e.g. MBChB, BPharm or BNurs) or another relevant qualification on at least NQF level 7.
- If you are an international student who 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.

## *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**.

## *Programme description*

The Postgraduate Diploma programme in Medical Toxicology aims to train you, as an appropriately qualified scientist, in the field of medical toxicology. The curriculum covers the most important areas of medical toxicology and will help broaden your knowledge as a health care professional. After completing the course, you will:

- have the practical skills to diagnose and manage patients exposed to poisonous chemicals;
- be able to work in medical facilities where you can assist in managing poisoned patients; and
- be able to advise other health care professionals on the diagnosis and management of poisoned patients.

## *Duration of programme*

The programme extends over two years.

## *Presentation*

The programme is offered by means of blended learning and includes e-learning, guided self-study, assignments, homework tasks and e-portfolios for integrated reflection, as well as two formal face-to-face lecture weeks.

## *Programme content*

You must complete all five modules listed below.

Introduction to Toxicology	775(24)
Poisoning Management and Prevention	775(24)
Poisoning with Biological Toxins	775(24)
Poisoning with Non-drug Chemicals	775(24)
Poisoning with Pharmaceuticals	775(24)

### ***Assessment and examination***

- To obtain the PG Dip (Medical Toxicology) you must:
  - show satisfactory attendance of classes and satisfactory participation in e-learning activities; and
  - pass with a final mark of at least 50%.
- The final mark is calculated as follows:
  - Section 1: written assignments and online quizzes (25%).
  - Section 2: e-portfolios for integrated reflection (15%).
  - Section 3: discussions of case studies (24%).
  - Section 4: a three-hour written examination (36%).
- To pass the programme with distinction you must obtain a mark of 75%.

### ***Enquiries***

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