

Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing

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 aims to develop you into a critically thinking, creative and reflective practitioner who not only takes the lead in improving mental health care, but also serves as a resource on mental health services in South Africa.

It will equip you with an in-depth knowledge and therapeutic skills to diagnose, treat, care for and manage individuals with mental disorders at a primary, secondary and tertiary care level. A particular focus will be the skill to consult and liaise with patients. The programme will also help you understand the context and dynamics of our health services system, and how this affects health services delivery.

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

Evidence-based Practice	XXX(8)
Leadership and Development in Specialist Practice	XXX(8)
Praxis of Specialist Practice	XXX(8)
Principles and Processes of Mental Health Nursing	XXX(48)
Specialist Mental Health Nursing Practice	XXX(48)

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;
 - patient case presentations;
 - case studies;
 - clinical skills;
 - 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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