

# Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery

*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](http://www.maties.com) by **31 October** of the previous year.

## ***Duration of programme***

The programme extends over one academic year.

## ***Programme description***

The programme will strengthen and build your midwifery knowledge and skills. You will learn how to critically reflect on the current thinking, practices and research methods in your field, and use this to improve women's health. The programme involves intense theoretical study, sound clinical decision-making and independent thinking, as well as applying knowledge to various contexts while providing professional competent midwifery care.

## ***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)
Maternal and Neonatal Care Pharmacology	XXX(8)
Maternal Care Specialisation	XXX(28)

Neonatal Care Specialisation	XXX(20)
Praxis of Specialist Practice	XXX(8)
Specialist Midwifery Practice	XXX(40)

### ***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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