

# Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Clinical Programmes) – Adult Critical Care Nursing

*Please note:*

The following is pending approval by the relevant regulatory bodies:

- the offering of the current postgraduate programme; and
- changes to the name and content of the programme, and the admission requirements for the programme.

## ***Specific admission requirements***

- A Bachelor's degree in nursing, a four-year diploma in nursing, or equivalent nursing qualification.
- Registration with the South African Nursing Council as a professional nurse. This requirement only applies to South African students and is only applicable to admission to clinical programmes and not to admission to non-clinical programmes.
- Computer literacy.

## ***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 year. Theoretical block periods are presented on campus. Between theoretical block periods, you are placed at clinical facilities that are specifically accredited for the University by the South African Nursing Council.

## ***Programme description***

The purpose of the programme is to equip you with the knowledge and clinical skills to enable you to function as a competent critical care nursing practitioner and to assess and diagnose, plan and implement treatment for, and evaluate the progress of the critically ill, adult patient in a critical care unit.

## ***Programme content***

Principles of Advanced Nursing Practice	711(10), 741(10)
Research Methodology	771(10)
Principles and Processes of Critical Care Nursing	772(20)
System Abnormalities: Critical Care Nursing	773(25)
Clinical Foundations: Critical Care Nursing	774(45)

## ***Assessment and examination***

- A variety of formative and summative assessment methods are used. You are assessed individually by means of:
  - assignments;
  - application of research principles and methodology;

- patient case presentations;
  - clinical rounds;
  - case studies;
  - clinical assessment;
  - written tests and examinations; and
  - assessment of psychomotor skills in your relevant specialist area.
- Each module is assessed separately with a minimum pass mark of 50%.
  - The final mark for the programme is calculated on the basis of the relative weight of each module, as indicated by the credit value for each module.

### ***Enquiries***

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