

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Non-Clinical Programmes) – Nursing and Health Service Management

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 by **31 October** of the previous year.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year.

Programme description

The exit-level outcomes of this programme relate to the role and function of the nursing manager in applying managerial and leadership principles, human capital management, policymaking, public health management, risk and disaster management, and applying research and technological skills to ensure effective and efficient management at various levels of health care services.

The teaching method is based on the following principles:

- You are a self-directed, independent learner who learns and studies independently, while the educator provides guidance and facilitates learning.
- The programme aims to develop analytical, critical, reflective and creative thinking skills by using methods such as problem-solving approaches, assignments, e-learning assessments on SUNLearn (<http://learn.sun.ac.za>), case studies, etc.
- Self-directed learning abilities are developed by exposing you to clinical practice in order to correlate theory and practice.
- Cooperative learning is emphasised through the integration of theory and practice in the clinical field.
- Accredited health care facilities provide you with the opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge in your own practice to deepen your knowledge of health services management.
- The theoretical component is directly related to the practical objectives to broaden your knowledge of health services management.

Presentation

Instruction takes place through self-directed learning, interactive telematic broadcasting sessions and compulsory workshop attendance. A blended education approach is therefore applied to promote teaching and learning. The teaching approach is in essence learner-centred and is, among other things, based on the assessment and recognition of prior learning (ARPL).

Programme content

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

Health Policy Management	772(30)
Human Resource Management	773(25)
Management Processes in Nursing and Health Service Management	722(15)
Principles of Advanced Nursing Practice	711(10)
Research Methodology	771(10)
Risk and Financial Management	771(30)

Assessment and examination

- A variety of formative and summative assessment methods are used. You are assessed individually by means of:
 - application of research principles and methodology in the health services;
 - discussions with hospital management on the policy, protocols and managerial functions as contained in each specific module; and
 - written tests and examinations.
- 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.

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