

## 5.3.6 Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies

*Please note:*

This programme will not be offered in 2024. There will, however, be a student intake in 2025 again.

### Specific admission requirements

- One of the following:
  - a professional bachelor's degree at NQF level 8;
  - a bachelor honours degree in an appropriate health or health-related field;
  - an MBChB degree or an equivalent qualification approved for such purpose by Senate; or
  - you must have attained in some other manner a standard of competence in your particular field of study deemed adequate for such purpose by Senate.
- For the thesis programme you must also:
  - have at least three years of applicable professional experience; and
  - have successfully completed an approved curriculum of research theory and methods, or advanced study, at this or another recognised university.

### 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

You can choose one of two options for the Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies, namely:

- Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies (structured option); or
- Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies (thesis option).

The two options are discussed separately in more detail below.

This programme:

- Addresses the current need for advanced interdisciplinary studies and research in the disability- and rehabilitation-related fields, as expressed in various provincial, national and international policy documents, charters and treaties.
- Provides an interdisciplinary pool of specialised rehabilitation professionals, from a variety of professional backgrounds, who have the necessary clinical decision-making, managerial, research and educational knowledge, skills and socio-political attitudes, to hold positions of leadership within rehabilitation-related fields.
- Produces rehabilitation specialists who can act as specialist consultants in public and private rehabilitation services, within and beyond their specific professional areas of practice.
- Equips you with a sophisticated knowledge and understanding of phenomena pertinent to the disability- and rehabilitation-related fields, within a human rights and social model perspective.
- Ensures mastery of the field of rehabilitation through the high-level analysis of new information, and the ability to deal with complexity and to find workable solutions to problems and challenges.
- Enables you to do advanced and independent research.
- Introduces you to the world of scholarly communication, inter alia through assistance in publishing your own research reports.
- Contributes to the pool of rehabilitation academics and professionals with the competence and critical intellectual abilities to ensure future advancement of the field of rehabilitation.
- Addresses the country's need for rehabilitation specialists of the highest quality.

*Please note:*

Theoretical modules are presented by means of blended learning which comprises a compulsory contact period of two weeks at the Tygerberg Campus in February of each study year, as well as web-based teaching, discussions and assignments in the course of the year.

### 5.3.6.1 Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies (structured option)

#### Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

#### Programme content

##### FIRST YEAR

Applied Research Methodology	842(40)
Rehabilitation I	871(40)

##### SECOND YEAR

Rehabilitation II	872(40)
Research Assignment	814(60)

#### Assessment and examination

- Modules are assessed by means of online discussions and open-book assignments. You must pass all four modules with a mark of at least 50%.
- If you fail a module with a final mark of between 45% and 49%, you will be granted an opportunity to repeat the assignment(s) which has contributed to the final mark for the module.
- If you do not qualify to repeat the assignment(s) or fail the assignment(s) for the second time, you will be given one opportunity to repeat the module in the following year. If you fail the module for the second time, you may be denied the right to register for the module again and to qualify for the master's qualification on recommendation of the Faculty Board.
- You must submit a satisfactory research assignment which clearly demonstrates your ability to conduct an independent scientific study and interpret the results. If you require more time to complete the research assignment, you may register for a third year of study.

#### Enquiries

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### 5.3.6.2 Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies (thesis option)

#### Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year.

#### Programme content

The thesis subject will be determined in consultation with the programme leader.

Thesis (Rehabilitation)	872(180)
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#### Assessment and examination

- You must complete a research project, leading to the submission of a thesis which is assessed according to University guidelines through a process of internal and external assessment.
- A minimum pass mark of 50% is required.

#### Enquiries

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