

5.3.7.1 Master of Nursing (structured option)

Specific admission requirements

One of the following qualifications:

- a four-year undergraduate professional bachelor's degree in Nursing (NQF level 8);
- an international equivalent of the four-year professional bachelor's degree in Nursing, e.g. R174;
- a four-year basic Diploma in Nursing for students who graduated before the implementation of the HEQSF, with proof of successful completion of appropriate prior learning on NQF 8 or 9 levels that focus especially on preparation of appropriate research skills. Regarding this qualification, your application will be considered by the Committee for Postgraduate Teaching of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences according to the Policy on Assessment and Recognition of Prior Learning of the University, and final approval lies with Senate. You must also have at least a one-year postgraduate tertiary qualification in Nursing;
- another qualification deemed adequate by Senate.

Selection criteria

The Master of Nursing is a selection programme. The following selection criteria apply:

- an average mark of at least 65% for the last qualification obtained; and
- at least two years' experience as a professional nurse.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme content

FIRST YEAR

Research Methodology	872(60)
Contemporary Health and Nursing Practices	871(35)

SECOND YEAR

Research Assignment	875(85)
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Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment takes place during the first year.
- You must achieve a class mark of at least 40% in each module to qualify for the examination in each module.
- You must achieve a final mark of 50% in each module.
- The class and examination marks contribute 50% each towards the final mark for each module.
- The final mark for the first year of study is calculated as the weighted average of the marks for the two first-year modules.
- Flexible assessment takes place during the research process in the second year, with assessment by an internal and an external examiner on completion of the research assignment. A minimum mark of 50% is required for the research assignment.
- The final mark for the programme is calculated according to the credit weights of the individual modules. You must obtain a final mark of at least 50% to pass the programme.
- You will only be permitted to register for theoretical modules twice. If you still fail a theoretical module after two registrations, you will not be allowed to register for the programme again.
- If you fail to complete the programme by the third year of study, you must submit a motivation to continue in the fourth year. This motivation will be considered by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Department of Nursing and Midwifery.

5.3.7.2 Master of Nursing (thesis option)

Specific admission requirements

One of the following qualifications:

- a Bachelor of Nursing Honours degree;
- a four-year professional bachelor's degree in Nursing (NQF level 8; credit value 480); or
- an equivalent qualification as approved by Senate.

Selection criteria

The Master of Nursing is a selection programme. The following selection criteria apply:

- an average mark of at least 65% for the last qualification obtained; and
- at least two years' experience as a professional nurse.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year.

Programme content

Research Thesis	881(180)
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Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment takes place during the research process, as well as assessment by an internal and an external examiner on completion of the thesis. This assessment also includes an oral examination.
- The final mark for the thesis is calculated as follows:
 - internal examiner – 30%;
 - external examiner – 30%;
 - supervisor – 10% and
 - oral examination – 30%.
- You must obtain a minimum final mark of 50% for the thesis to pass the programme.
- If you fail to complete the programme by the second year of study, you must submit a motivation to continue in the third year. This motivation will be considered by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Department of Nursing and Midwifery.

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