

## 5.3.8 Master of Occupational Therapy

### Specific admission requirements

- A four-year B degree in Occupational Therapy or an equivalent qualification approved for such purpose by Senate.
- For direct admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy degree programme (thesis option), you must have completed an approved curriculum of research methodology and/or advanced study at this University or elsewhere.

### 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**.

Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide if you may be admitted to the programme.

### Programme description

The programme aims to:

- equip you with advanced knowledge in order to develop an understanding of the theory pertaining to the profession of occupational therapy
- ensure mastery of the profession by means of the analysis of new information and the application thereof to address problems and challenges within the profession;
- educate you in research methodology, thereby enabling you to perform advanced and independent research that will culminate in the publication of articles;
- prepare you to undertake further studies; and
- qualify you as a professional who will competently advance Occupational Therapy.

You can follow one of two streams for the Master of Occupational Therapy programme, namely:

- Master of Occupational Therapy (structured option); and
- Master of Occupational Therapy (thesis option).

The two streams are discussed separately in more detail below.

### Enquiries

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### 5.3.8.1 Master of Occupational Therapy (structured option)

#### Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of two years.

#### Programme description

You pursue a two-year modular programme that is offered in a three-year cycle. The programme consists of research and advanced studies on several broad subjects as determined by the Division and an assignment. You have a choice of three speciality fields of study:

- Paediatrics;
- Psychosocial; and
- Work Practice.

#### Programme content

##### FIRST YEAR

###### *Compulsory modules*

The Research Methodology and Statistics module is offered in the first two years of the three-year cycle.

Research Methodology and Statistics	871(30)
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##### SECOND YEAR

###### *Compulsory modules*

Research Assignment	872(60)
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###### *Generic Occupational Therapy modules*

Generic Occupational Therapy modules are offered every third year and are compulsory.

Occupational Science	872(15)
Models in Occupational Therapy	872(15)
Occupational Therapy Practice	872(15)

###### *Modules in field of specialty*

Fields of specialty modules are offered every third year.

Measurement	876(15)
Occupational Therapy Practice: Interventions in Speciality Field of Study	871(30)

#### Assessment and examination

- The programme is subject to flexible assessment in the form of written and oral assessments and assignments.
- The assignment is an opportunity to assess your ability in terms of the following:
  - integration and application of advanced knowledge,
  - critical and creative thinking,
  - advanced clinical reasoning and
  - management of outcomes (of services on all levels, your own development and the management of processes).

The assignment must be presented as a thoroughly conceptualised, well-formulated, logical and coherent document.

- A weighted mark is calculated on the basis of the credit values of the modules.
- To pass the programme, you must obtain a final mark of at least 50% in each module. The weighted marks of the respective modules contribute 50% to the calculation of the final mark. The final mark is calculated as the weighted average of the teaching modules (50%) and the assignment (50%).
- Internal and external moderation will take place according to University regulations.
- To qualify for a supplementary examination in a module, you must obtain a final mark of at least 40%. After the supplementary examination a final mark of 50% will be awarded if the examination mark is 50% or higher. If you obtain a mark of less than 50% in the supplementary examination, you must repeat the module when it is offered in the next three-year cycle.

## 5.3.8.2 Master of Occupational Therapy (thesis option)

### Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of one academic year.

### Programme description

This programme choice consists of a thesis only. The thesis contains the results of independent research on a topic you choose in consultation with the head of the Division.

### Programme content

Thesis	895(180)
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### Assessment and examination

- The thesis integrates a comprehensive literature review, data collection and analysis, discussion of results and recommendations.
- The study is presented in a thoroughly conceptualised, well-formulated, logical and coherent document.

You must obtain a mark of at least 50% to pass the thesis.

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