

5.3.11 Master of Public Health Nutrition

Specific admission requirements

- An NQF level 8 qualification (or international equivalent) in Health Science, Science or Agricultural Science, and proof that you have completed nutrition modules at an undergraduate level.
- Experience and practice in public health nutrition will serve as an additional advantage.
- For admission to the research stream, you must have knowledge of research methodology and experience in the planning and implementation of a research project (at undergraduate level and professionally), or you must have otherwise attained a standard of competence deemed adequate for such purpose by Senate.

Programme description

You can follow one of two streams for the Master of Public Health Nutrition programme, namely:

- Master of Public Health Nutrition (structured option); and
- Master of Public Health Nutrition (thesis option).

The structured stream is presented by means of technology-mediated teaching and learning.

The two streams are set out separately in more detail below.

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5.3.11.1 Master of Public Health Nutrition (structured option)

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

Only a limited number of students are selected annually.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum period of two years.

Programme description

This is a structured programme which comprises various theoretical modules and a research project (50% of the total credits). If the academic year extends over 45 weeks, the expectation is that you will use 20 hours per week over a two-year period to complete the programme.

Programme content

FIRST YEAR

Compulsory modules

Nutritional Epidemiology	811(30)*
Public Health Nutrition Policies and Programming	812(15)

* Nutritional Epidemiology 811 is a prerequisite pass module for Research Thesis 875.

Elective modules

Choose any three of the following modules. A particular elective module is only presented if there are at least four students who would like to take that module.

Advanced Nutrition Analysis	812(15)
Food Security	812(15)
Food, Nutrition and Livelihood in Humanitarian Emergencies	812(15)
Nutrition and Economic, Human and Social Development	812(15)
Nutrition in Health and Disease Prevention	812(15)

Nutrition, Health and the Environment	812(15)
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SECOND YEAR

Research Thesis	875(90)
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Assessment and examination

- A system of flexible assessment applies to the theory modules. A combination of written assignments, online forum discussions, portfolios, projects, presentations, reflections, tests and more can be used to determine your final mark. Assessment details for each module/study unit are available in the relevant study guide.
- An overall pass mark of 50% is required for each module.
- You will only be permitted two attempts at completing each theoretical module. If you fail to pass a module after two attempts, you will not be readmitted to the programme.
- The final mark for the research project is calculated as follows:
 - class mark (protocol) – 15%;
 - project execution – 10%;
 - average of the internal and external examiners' marks for the thesis – 65%; and
 - oral examination – 10%.
- The final degree mark is calculated by adding the average of the final marks for the theoretical modules (50%) and the final mark for the research project (50%).
- An oral examination by the examiners is compulsory.
- You will be allowed to register for the research project for a maximum of three years. If you fail to complete the research project within this time, your performance will be officially reviewed by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division of Human Nutrition, and you may be denied the right to reregister for the programme.

5.3.11.2 Master of Public Health Nutrition (thesis option)

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

Only a limited number of students are selected annually.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum period of two years.

Programme description

The programme comprises a research project (100% of the total credits) with no theoretical modules. If the academic year extends over 45 weeks, you must use 20 hours per week to complete the programme.

You must plan and implement a research project and submit a thesis or preferably two articles for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, in the format specified in the study guide.

Programme content

Research Thesis	888(180)
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Assessment and examination

- The final degree mark is calculated as follows:
 - protocol – 15%;
 - project execution – 10%;
 - average of the internal and external examiners' marks for the thesis – 65%; and
 - oral examination – 10%.
- An oral examination by the examiners is compulsory.
- You will be allowed to register for the research project for a maximum of three years. If you fail to complete the research project within this time, your performance will be officially reviewed by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division of Human Nutrition, and you may be denied the right to reregister for the programme.

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