

5.3.10 Master of Physiotherapy

Specific admission requirements

- One of the following qualifications:
 - a four-year bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy or an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for such purposes, and registration as a Physiotherapist or Physiotherapy student with the South African Health Professions Council; or
 - a diploma in Physiotherapy, provided that:
 - this takes place on the recommendation of the Committee for Postgraduate Education;
 - you have remained academically and professionally active in the specific field since

- obtaining the diploma;
 - you have evidence that you have passed the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy I (OMT I) course;
 - you completed a preliminary examination to the satisfaction of the Committee for Postgraduate Education; and
 - supplementary work may be required;
- A minimum of one year of clinical experience in Physiotherapy after obtaining the bachelor's degree.
- For admission to the structured Master's degree in Physiotherapy (Ortho-manipulative Therapy), you must (in addition to the above requirements) provide evidence of:
 - successful completion of the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy I (OMT I) programme; or
 - appropriate clinical experience and continuous professional education.

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**.

The divisional Postgraduate Committee selects a number of suitable candidates after the closing date. If it's necessary, candidates may be invited for an interview before the final selection. Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide which candidates will be admitted to the programme.

Programme description

The aim of the programme is to:

- equip you with advanced knowledge and skills in the chosen field of Physiotherapy;
- advance your ability to acquire higher-order skills with regard to the critical analysis and evaluation of knowledge and skills;
- equip you with the necessary skills in order to undertake original, advanced and independent research in the field of Physiotherapy;
- prepare you for various forms of scientific professional communication; and
- produce professionals with the skills and critical cognitive capability to advance the profession and to contribute to a pool of professional and academic practitioners in the field of Physiotherapy.

You can follow one of two options for the Master of Physiotherapy programme, namely:

- Master of Physiotherapy (structured option); and
- Master of Physiotherapy (thesis option).

The two options are discussed separately in more detail below.

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