

5.1.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies

Specific admission requirements

- An MBChB degree, a bachelor's degree in an appropriate health or health-related field or an equivalent qualification at National Qualifications Framework level 7, or a standard of competence in your particular field of study that Senate considers to be adequate for such purpose.

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**.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year.

Programme description

The focus of the Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies programme will be to strengthen and deepen your knowledge and theoretical understanding of disability and rehabilitation, with the aim of promoting the development of current thinking, response and practice in disability and rehabilitation studies. In addition, the programme will facilitate in-depth, advanced reflection on

- the latest international and national instruments and policies for disability, rehabilitation and health, as well as other, social-related policies;
- how these instruments and policies affect you as a disability and rehabilitation practitioner in your scope of work; and
- how you as practitioner can develop sustainable disability and rehabilitation models of best practice to effectively respond to national needs in this regard.

Programme outcomes

As a graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies, you will:

- have acquired and will continue to sharpen essential advanced, higher-order cognitive, psychomotor and affective skills;
- accept responsibility for your own learning and for continuously being as self-driven as possible;
- be able to utilise appropriate learning strategies and emphasise the development of thought processes both to analyse and to synthesise information;
- be able to think critically and do independent research;
- understand the need to remain conversant with the latest research, developments and practices in rehabilitation programmes;
- strive for lifelong continuing professional development;
- critically question and appraise models, theories, principles, policies and phenomena in the field of disability and rehabilitation programmes;
- practise self-criticism and accept the feedback of others;
- have acquired and will continue to practise advanced scientific communication skills;
- be able to provide rehabilitation-related preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative programmes to persons at any point on the health-disease-impairment-disability continuum and in any life phase; and
- commit yourself unconditionally to serving the community (and people's lives).

Programme content

The following are theoretical modules and are all compulsory.

Disability and Rehabilitation: Theory and Practice	775(30)
Ethical and Community Constructs	775(30)
Community Integration of the Disabled Person	775(30)
Policy Analysis on Health, Disability and Rehabilitation	775(30)

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 postgraduate diploma qualification on recommendation of the Faculty Board.

Enquiries

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