

## **5.1.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies**

### **Specific admission requirements**

- An MBChB degree, a four-year professional bachelor's degree in an appropriate health or health-related field or an equivalent qualification at National Qualifications Framework level 8, or a three-year bachelor's degree such as a BSc degree at National Qualifications Framework level 7, or 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](http://www.maties.com) by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

## Duration of programme

The duration of this programme is one year of full-time study.

## Programme description

The focus of the Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies programme is 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 facilitates 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

On completion of this programme, as a graduate, you will be able to:

- continue to sharpen the acquired essential advanced, higher-order cognitive, psychomotor and affective skills;
- accept responsibility for your own learning and for continuously being as self-driven as possible;
- utilise appropriate learning strategies and emphasise the development of thought processes both to analyse and to synthesise information;
- 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;
- acquire and continue to practise advanced scientific communication skills;
- 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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# Postgraduate programmes

For more specific information on the Faculty's postgraduate programmes, consult the University's webpage on Postgraduate Studies (<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/pgstudies/>) or the various departmental websites.

## 1. Programme offering

The following postgraduate diploma and degree programmes are presented by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

Postgraduate Diplomas	Abbreviation
Postgraduate Diploma in Addiction Care	PG Dip (Addiction Care)
Postgraduate Diploma in Disability and Rehabilitation Studies	PG Dip (Disability and Rehabilitation Studies)
Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine	PG Dip (Family Medicine)
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Care Management	PG Dip (Health Care Management)
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research Ethics	PG Dip (Health Research Ethics)
Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases	PG Dip (Infectious Diseases)
Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Toxicology	PG Dip (Medical Toxicology)
Postgraduate Diploma in Medicines Development	PG Dip (Medicines Development)
Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Medicine	PG Dip (Occupational Medicine)
Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Medicine	PG Dip (Rural Medicine)
Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Nursing/Midwifery	PG Dip (Specialist Nursing/Midwifery)
Honours Degrees	Abbreviation
Bachelor of Science Honours	BScHons
Master's Degrees	Abbreviation
Master of Addiction Care	MAddiction Care
Master of Audiology	MAud
Master of Global Surgery	MGlobalSurg
Master of Human Rehabilitation Studies	MHumRehab
Master of Medicine	MMed
Master of Nursing	MNurs
Master of Occupational Therapy	MOccTher
Master of Pathology	MPath
Master of Philosophy	MPhil
Master of Physiotherapy	MPhysio
Master of Public Health Nutrition	MNutr in Public Health
Master of Science	MSc
Master of Speech-Language Therapy	MSpeech
Master of Therapeutic Nutrition	MTherNutr
Doctoral Degrees	Abbreviation
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD
Doctor of Science	DSc

## 2. Commencement of postgraduate studies

As postgraduate student you must register for your particular programme at the start of the academic year. The only programmes that still take on students at the start of the second semester are MMed programmes. If you are accepted for an MMed programme, you will be able to register at the start of the second semester. You can submit a request for exclusion from this rule to the Vice-Dean: Learning and Teaching, with special motivation.

### **3. Recognition of prior learning and credit accumulation and transfer (RPL&CAT)**

Consult the RPL&CAT guidelines of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for more information on the procedures and guidelines regarding the recognition of prior learning and credit accumulation and transfer in the Faculty. These guidelines are available at [www.sun.ac.za/tygststudentadmin](http://www.sun.ac.za/tygststudentadmin) under "Policies and Guidelines".

### **4. Class fees**

From 2010 class fees for all structured M degree programmes will be levied per module. Until further notice the class fees for MMed programmes will be levied per annum, as in the past, with the exception of the class fees for the MMed (Fam Med) programme which will be levied per module.

The class fees for the research modules within the structured M degree programmes will be spread over two years (70% of the class fees in the first year of registration and 30% in the second year) to prevent you from having to pay the full amount for two consecutive years. If you complete your research module within one year of study, you will therefore pay only 70% of the class fees for the specific module. But if you fail to complete the research module within the prescribed two years, you will pay, as of the third year of study, the full amount for the module.

If you register for a research master's degree, you must pay the full amount in the first year of study with a continuation levy in the second and third year. However, in the fourth and following years of study the continuation levy will double.

### Disclaimer:

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