

5.1.4 Postgraduate Diploma in Health Care Management

Specific admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree in health sciences, in economic and management sciences, or in social sciences on NQF level 7.
- Demonstrated academic ability and relevant workplace experience.
- You must also prove that you are adequately proficient in English and in writing for postgraduate academic studies and research.

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**.

You must submit a written motivation for entry into the programme as well as proof of your proficiency in English and in writing for postgraduate academic studies and research.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years and is presented on a part-time basis.

Programme description

The purpose of the programme is to prepare you for advanced and specialised professional employment within the health system, and to develop your knowledge and skills in healthcare management at an advanced level in an applied work setting. The curriculum is based on workplace leadership and managerial roles. Assignments are practical and applied and include an applied professional assignment which resembles workplace experience and challenges in healthcare organisations.

The postgraduate diploma provides a strong conceptual foundation for theoretically and methodologically grounded engagements with applied concerns regarding healthcare management and sets you up for professional work or further academic study.

This programme is hosted by the Division of Health Systems and Public Health in the Department of Global Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The programme consists of a core set of modules, with a practical assignment by means of a health management report.

Programme content

All modules are compulsory; 60 credits are prescribed for the first year, and a further 60 credits for the second year. The health management report will be incorporated into the second-year modules.

FIRST YEAR

Health Systems, Policy and Financing	775(10)
Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare	737(5) *
Strategy, Marketing and Communication	775(10)
Managing Self and Others for Optimal Service Delivery	775(10)
Quality Improvement, Clinical Governance and Patient Care	775(10)
Project Management	775(10)

SECOND YEAR

Evidence and Information in Health Management	775(10)
Financial Leadership and Governance for Effective Healthcare Delivery	775(10)
Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare	757(5) *
Managing Operations	775(10)
Managing Health Technology and Infrastructure	775(10)
Health Management Report	775(20)

* Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare is a longitudinal module completed over the course of the programme.

Assessment and examination

Each module is assessed by means of assessment in the form of:

- in-class assessments;
- short assignments during tutorials;
- individual and group participation; and
- longer written assignments before or after the contact sessions for a particular module.

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 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:

The content above comes from the 2025 Medicine and Health Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Medicine and Health Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section **1. Programme offering**.