

# MSc in Epidemiology

## *Specific Admission Requirements*

- You must have one of the following qualifications at NQF level 8
  - an MBChB or equivalent degree;
  - a four-year professional bachelor's degree in a health-related or quantitative sciences discipline;
  - a relevant BScHons degree from this University or another recognised university; or
  - an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for this purpose, or you must have otherwise attained a standard of competence in your field of study deemed adequate for this purpose by Senate.
- You must also have:
  - passed Mathematics at National Senior Certificate (NSC) level or equivalent;
  - computer literacy, including the use of statistical software for data analysis; and
  - fluency in written and spoken English. If you, as an international candidate, are from a non-English speaking country, you must submit official documentary evidence with your application of your competence in English. This may include, among other things:
    - the results of the IELTS test with a minimum IELTS score of 6,5;
    - the results of the TOEFL test with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based), preferably with a TWE score of 4,5; and/or
    - proof and results of any English courses attended (e.g. English for Medical Students/Englisch für Mediziner).
- You must also submit a draft research proposal to the satisfaction of the Programme Committee.

## *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**.

All applications are reviewed by a selection committee. Candidates are selected on merit and only a limited number of candidates are admitted to the programme.

## *Duration of Programme*

The programme extends over a minimum of one year on a full-time basis or two years on a part-time basis.

## *Programme Description*

This is a wholly thesis-based master's programme. It builds competency in epidemiology – the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events in specified populations, and the application of the study to the control of health problems.

## *Programme Content*

You must complete preparatory modules at NQF level 9 on epidemiology, biostatistics and research proposal writing prior to the finalisation of your research protocol.

***Assessment and examination***

- You must complete a thesis that will be assessed according to University guidelines through a process of internal and external examination.
- The thesis counts 100% towards the final mark. You must pass the thesis with at least 50% to obtain the degree.

***Enquiries***

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