

5.2.1.8 BScHons in Medical Virology

Please note:

The name of this degree programme will change to BScHons in Infectious Disease Pathology and Immunology pending approval by the Council on Higher Education.

Specific admission requirements

- A recently obtained BSc degree with majors in Microbiology, Biochemistry, Genetics or a similar field of study.
- A pass mark of 60% or higher in the final year.

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 Division of Medical Virology compiles a shortlist of final-year students with an average of 60% in the June examinations and invites a select number of candidates for an informal interview in October/November. Successful candidates must also obtain an average of 60% or higher in the final-year examinations to be admitted to the programme.

Only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme. If you fail to meet these criteria, you will automatically be disqualified.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year.

Programme description

The programme forms part of continued efforts to create a learning culture for students and researchers capable of making a significant contribution to the field of Medical Virology. Medical Virology offers practical research experience, focusing specifically on research relevant to Africa.

Programme content

Theory of Medical Virology	771(60)
Practical Research Project (Medical Virology)	772(60)

Assessment and examination

- Assessment of the theoretical module is done by means of:
 - seminars (5% of the final mark);
 - four block tests (20% of the final mark);
 - a final examination (20% of the final mark) and
 - an oral examination (5% of the final mark).
- The practical research module is assessed by means of:
 - the study activity portfolio, and rotation and project workbooks (5% of the final mark);
 - assignments (10% of the final mark); and
 - a research assignment (35% of the final mark).
- You must obtain a subminimum of 50% for each module to pass the degree.

Enquiries

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5.2 Honours degrees

5.2.1 Bachelor of Science Honours

Please note:

If you are applying for admission to one of the BScHons programmes of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, you must be aware that there is a possibility that a programme will not be offered if there are not enough qualifying candidates to fill it. In such cases, the University will directly communicate this decision with applicants in November of the year before study.

Programme description

The purpose of the programme is to equip you with the insight, practical skills and in-depth knowledge with regard to your chosen field of study. On completion of the programme, you must be able to function independently as a researcher and academic in the South African context.

The programme aims:

- to promote healthcare in the South African community;
- to facilitate and innovate health research;
- to facilitate critical and ethical reasoning;
- to promote evaluation management, communication and scientific knowledge;
- to prepare students for further study; and
- to promote lifelong study.

Admission of diplomates to BScHons studies

If you have a National Higher Diploma in Medical Technology, you may be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours degree if you:

- have obtained a relevant bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification at a recognised institution for tertiary education;

or

- in exceptional cases, meet the following minimum requirements:
 - you must hold the matriculation certificate or exemption certificate of the Matriculation Board;
 - you must provide proof of above-average academic results during your diploma programme; and
 - prior to admission, you must have been academically associated and/or professionally active for a minimum period of three years, during which you at least completed one research project successfully and published in a recognised journal.

You must have passed a preliminary examination:

- that was conducted according to the clearly defined criteria stipulated by the Faculty Board, in order to ensure an adequate scientific standard;
- that was designed to assess your theoretical background and scientific maturity; and
- that was conducted by the head of the department or division in which the intended postgraduate studies are envisaged, or by their delegate, together with at least one other expert in the relevant field of study who has been nominated by the Dean.

You will be considered on merit by the Committee for Postgraduate Education on the basis of a *curriculum vitae* and a written recommendation by the Preliminary Examination Committee.

Admission of candidates with a BTech to BScHons studies

If you have an appropriate Bachelor of Technology degree or equivalent qualification from a recognised institution for tertiary education, you may be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours

degree, provided that:

- departments/divisions may require supplementary work;
- you must provide proof of above-average academic performance during the degree programme; and
- you have passed a preliminary examination:
 - that was conducted according to clearly defined criteria stipulated by the Faculty Board in order to ensure an adequate scientific standard;
 - that was designed to assess your theoretical background and scientific maturity; and
 - that was conducted by the head of the department or division as convenor in which the intended postgraduate studies are envisaged, or by their delegate, together with at least one other expert in the relevant field of study who has been nominated by the Dean.

You will be considered on merit by the Committee for Postgraduate Education on the basis of a *curriculum vitae* and a written recommendation by the Preliminary Examination Committee.

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