

5.3.3.40 MPhil in Rheumatology (subspecialty programme)

Specific admission requirements

At least one of the following qualifications:

- FCP (SA);
- MMed (Int); or
- an equivalent specialist qualification.

Application procedure

You must apply for a senior registrar post in service of the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness if you want to register for this programme. If you are successful, you will be admitted to the MPhil in Rheumatology.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme content

Both modules are compulsory and run concurrently instead of consecutively.

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| Clinical Rheumatology | 872(135) |
| Assignment | 871(45) |

Assessment and examination

- To successfully complete the Clinical Rheumatology module, your participation must be satisfactory while working as a senior registrar in the Division of Rheumatology. Furthermore, you must achieve a pass mark of at least 50% in the Cert Rheumatology (SA) examination of the CMSA.
- You will be assessed regularly as part of the flexible assessment strategy and you must keep a portfolio/log-book of your clinical exposure and experience with procedures.
- You must register the research protocol within six months of registration and complete the research assignment within two years of registration.
- The assignment must be submitted in the form of an article ready for publication. Successful

completion of this module is a requirement for admission to the Cert Rheumatology (SA) examination of the CMSA.

- The modules contribute to the final mark as follows:
 - Clinical Rheumatology – 75%; and
 - Research Assignment – 25%.

Enquiries

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5.3.3 Master of Philosophy

The programme Master of Philosophy in the Faculty consists of subspecialty training and structured and thesis programmes.

Programmes for subspecialty training

These programmes offer specialists in Internal Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology the opportunity to qualify as subspecialists in one of the various subspecialty fields within these disciplines.

General admission requirements for subspecialty programmes

You can apply for the subspecialty programmes in the respective disciplines if you meet the following requirements:

- The MMed degree in Internal Medicine or Obstetrics and Gynaecology; and
- Registration as specialist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

See each programme for the admission requirements that apply specifically to a particular programme.

Clinical experience

If you want to register for one of these programmes at the University, you must be appointed in one of the approved HPCSA training numbers as awarded to the Faculty and occupy a senior registrar post in service of the Western Cape Provincial Department of Health and Wellness for the full duration of your training.

Assessment and examination

The standard exit examination for these programmes is a certificate examination of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA).

Structured and thesis programmes

These programmes are advanced research-based programmes. In some programmes candidates must pass theoretical modules and successfully complete a research assignment, and in other programmes a research thesis that meet the requirements of the University must be submitted.

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