# New nationally designed Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE PG Dip (Fam Med)

The new diploma has been designed nationally through a process overseen by the South African Academy of Family Physicians. It is aimed at existing primary care doctors, from either the private or public sector, to enable them to expand their knowledge and skills in areas relevant to primary care. The programme aims to enhance the quality of general practice by capacitating primary care doctors to fulfil their roles as competent clinicians, change agents, collaborative practitioners, capability builders, critical thinkers and community advocates in the future South African primary health care system.





#### **COURSE CONTENT AND DURATION**

This is a 2-year programme with a modularised curriculum (4-6 modules) and a blended approach which will involve campus-based teaching, web-based teaching and work-place based peer learning. During the course of the programme the doctor must work in a clinical setting appropriate to the practice and learning of family medicine, for instance a general practice, community health centre, clinic or district hospital.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

For admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine programme a student must hold a MB, ChB degree, or equivalent qualification deemed to be of an adequate standard, and must be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa or with an equivalent licensing body in the country where s/he is practicing.

## Application forms can be downloaded from the relevant universities. See contact details below

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