

5.3.3.12 MPhil in Gastroenterology and Hepatology (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 Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme content

All modules are compulsory and run concurrently instead of consecutively.

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| Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology | 872(135) |
| Assignment | 871(45) |

Assessment and examination

- To successfully complete the Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology module, your participation must be satisfactory while working as a senior registrar in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Furthermore, you must achieve a pass mark of at least 50% in the Cert Gastroenterology(SA) Phys 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 Gastroenterology(SA) Phys examination of the CMSA.
- The modules contribute to the final mark as follows:
 - Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology – 75%; and
 - Research Assignment – 25%.

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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.

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 |
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| 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:

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