

## 5.3.6 Master of Global Surgery

### Specific admission requirements

- One of the following:
  - a professional bachelor's degree at NQF level 8;
  - a bachelor honours degree in an appropriate health or health-related field;
  - an MBChB degree or an equivalent qualification;
  - a postgraduate qualification at NQF level 8 or NQF level 9 in public or global health, i.e. PGDip (Rural Medicine), with relevant surgical experience
  - an MPhil degree in health systems or an equivalent qualification approved for such purpose by Senate; or
  - you must have attained in some other manner a standard of competence in your particular field of study deemed adequate for such purpose by Senate.
- For the thesis programme, you are encouraged to:
  - have at least three years of applicable professional experience; and
  - have successfully completed an approved curriculum of research theory and methods, or advanced study, at this or another recognised university

### 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**.

### Duration of programme

The programme extends over 1- 2 years.

### Programme description

This is a completely thesis-based master's programme. The initial research proposal is approved by a departmental research committee and the Health Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

*Please note:*

This programme can be done remotely, or in person.

### Programme outcomes

The exit-level outcomes are aligned to the prescribed SAQA level descriptors for NQF level 9, focussing on specialised research knowledge in global surgery. The research will be of an interdisciplinary nature, combining knowledge and skills from your previous field of specialisation to highlight, identify or support the development of and need for global surgery, especially in poorly and under-resourced conditions often found in many areas of South Africa and the rest of the African continent.

### Programme content

Global Surgery Thesis	871 (180)
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### Assessment and examination

- You must complete a research project, leading to an article-format thesis which includes a submission-ready, submitted, accepted, or published manuscript for an approved peer-reviewed subject journal (i.e. one that appears on the list of subject journals approved by the Department of Higher Education and Training) with you as the principal author.
- The final mark for the thesis is calculated as follows:
  - internal examiner – 35%;
  - external examiner – 35%;
  - supervisor – 15% and
  - oral examination – 15%.
- You must obtain a minimum final mark of 50% for the thesis to pass the programme.
- If you fail to complete the programme by the second year of study, you must submit a motivation to continue in the third year. This motivation will be considered by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Centre for Global Surgery.

## Enquiries

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# 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
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](http://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:

The content above comes from the 2025 Medicine and Health Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Medicine and Health Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section **1. Programme offering**.