

5.3.9 Master of Occupational Therapy

Specific admission requirements

- A four-year B degree in Occupational Therapy or an equivalent qualification approved for such purpose by Senate.
- For direct admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy degree programme (thesis option), you must have completed an approved curriculum of research methodology and/or advanced study at this University or elsewhere.

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**.

Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide if you may be admitted to the programme.

Programme description

The programme aims to:

- equip you with advanced knowledge in order to develop an understanding of the theory pertaining to the profession of occupational therapy
- ensure mastery of the profession by means of the analysis of new information and the application thereof to address problems and challenges within the profession;
- educate you in research methodology, thereby enabling you to perform advanced and independent research that will culminate in the publication of articles;
- prepare you to undertake further studies; and
- qualify you as a professional who will competently advance Occupational Therapy.

You can follow one of two streams for the Master of Occupational Therapy programme, namely:

- Master of Occupational Therapy (structured option); and
- Master of Occupational Therapy (thesis option).

The two streams are discussed separately in more detail below.

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5.3.9.1 Master of Occupational Therapy (structured option)

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of two years.

Programme description

You pursue a two-year modular programme that is offered in a three-year cycle. The programme consists of research and advanced studies on several broad subjects as determined by the Division and an assignment. You have a choice of three speciality fields of study:

- Paediatrics;
- Psychosocial; and
- Work Practice.

Programme content

FIRST YEAR

Compulsory modules

The Research Methodology and Statistics module is offered in the first two years of the three-year cycle.

Research Methodology and Statistics	871(30)
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SECOND YEAR

Compulsory modules

Research Assignment	872(60)
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Generic Occupational Therapy modules

Generic Occupational Therapy modules are offered every third year and are compulsory.

Occupational Science	872(15)
Models in Occupational Therapy	872(15)
Occupational Therapy Practice	872(15)

Modules in field of speciality

Fields of speciality modules are offered every third year.

Measurement	876(15)
Occupational Therapy Practice: Interventions in Speciality Field of Study	871(30)

Assessment and examination

- The programme is subject to flexible assessment in the form of written and oral assessments and assignments.
- The assignment is an opportunity to assess your ability in terms of the following:
 - integration and application of advanced knowledge,
 - critical and creative thinking,
 - advanced clinical reasoning and
 - management of outcomes (of services on all levels, your own development and the management of processes).

The assignment must be presented as a thoroughly conceptualised, well-formulated, logical and coherent document.

- A weighted mark is calculated on the basis of the credit values of the modules.
- To pass the programme, you must obtain a final mark of at least 50% in each module. The weighted marks of the respective modules contribute 50% to the calculation of the final mark. The final mark is calculated as the weighted average of the teaching modules (50%) and the assignment (50%).
- Internal and external moderation will take place according to University regulations.
- To qualify for a supplementary examination in a module, you must obtain a final mark of at least 40%. After the supplementary examination a final mark of 50% will be awarded if the examination mark is 50% or higher. If you obtain a mark of less than 50% in the supplementary examination, you must repeat the module when it is offered in the next three-year cycle.

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 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.

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