

## 5.3.14 Master of Therapeutic Nutrition

### Specific admission requirements

- One of the following:
  - A relevant bachelor's degree at NQF level 8 (or international equivalent) and proof that you completed at least Therapeutic Nutrition (at an advanced level), as well as Physiology, Biochemistry and Research Methodology;
  - A standard of competence you have otherwise attained and which is deemed adequate for such purpose by Senate.
- For the research stream, you must have experience in planning and implementing a research project at undergraduate and professional level.

### Programme description

You can follow one of two streams for the Master of Therapeutic Nutrition programme, namely:

- Master of Therapeutic Nutrition (structured option); and
- Master of Therapeutic Nutrition (thesis option).

The structured stream is presented by means of technology-mediated teaching and learning. You must attend one contact session of one week per year for both the structured and research streams.

The two streams are discussed separately in more detail below.

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### 5.3.14.1 Master of Therapeutic Nutrition (structured option)

#### 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**. Only a limited number of students are selected annually.

#### Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of two years.

#### Programme description

The structured programme which comprises three theoretical modules and a research project (50% of the total credits). If the academic year extends over 45 weeks, the expectation is that you will use 20 hours per week over a two-year period to complete the programme.

## Programme content

### FIRST YEAR

Basic Nutritional Principles of Gastrointestinal Disorders	811(15) (This is a prerequisite pass module for Therapeutic Nutrition 812)
Nutritional Epidemiology	811(30) (This 811 is a prerequisite pass module for Research Project 882)

### SECOND YEAR

Therapeutic Nutrition	812(45)
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### First and second years

Research Project	882(90)
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### Assessment and examination

- A system of flexible assessment applies to the theory modules. A combination of written assignments, online forum discussions, portfolios, projects, presentations, reflections, tests and more can be used to determine your final mark. Assessment details for each module/study unit are available in the relevant study guide.
- A pass mark of 50% is required for each of the three study units of the Therapeutic Nutrition module, and an overall pass mark of 50% for each module.
- You will only be permitted two attempts at completing each theoretical module. If you fail to pass a module after two attempts, you will not be readmitted to the programme.
- The final mark for the research project is calculated as follows:
  - class mark (protocol) – 15%;
  - project execution – 10%;
  - average of internal and external examiners' marks for the thesis – 65%; and
  - oral examination – 10%.
- The final degree mark is calculated by adding the final marks of the theoretical modules (50%) to the final mark for the research project (50%).
- An oral examination by the examiners is compulsory.
- You will be allowed to register for the research project for a maximum of three years. If you fail to complete the research project within this time, your performance will be officially reviewed by the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division of Human Nutrition, and you may be denied the right to reregister for the programme.

# 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:

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