

5.3.13 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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5.3.13.1 Master of Therapeutic Nutrition (structured option)

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**. 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.

5.3.13.2 Master of Therapeutic Nutrition (thesis option)

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

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum period of two years.

Programme description

The programme comprises a research project (100% of credits) with no theoretical modules. If the academic year extends over 45 weeks, you must use 20 hours per week over a two-year period to complete the programme.

You must plan and implement a research project and submit a thesis or, preferably, two articles for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, in the format specified in the study guide.

Programme content

Thesis (Nutritional Sciences)	872(180)
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Assessment and examination

- The final degree mark is calculated as follows:
 - protocol – 15%;
 - project execution – 10%;
 - average of the internal and external examiners' marks for the thesis – 65%; and
 - oral examination – 10%.
- 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.

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