

5.3.3.7 MPhil in Community Mental Health

Specific admission requirements

One of the following qualifications:

- Master of Social Work/Clinical Psychology/Nursing/Occupational Therapy;
- MBChB degree; or
- MMed (Psych)/exit examination of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa.

Registration with the relevant professional council in South Africa as:

- medical practitioner in the category independent practice,
- social worker,
- clinical psychologist,
- registered nurse, or
- occupational therapist.

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**.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme description

The teaching and learning strategy in each module is determined by the nature of the subject. Modules are presented within the framework of a student-centred approach with the purpose of stimulating critical thinking. The programme uses didactical methods, interactive learning, group sessions and supervised clinical work. Independent learning is encouraged. The research assignment is completed under the guidance of a supervisor.

Programme content

First year

Ethics	872(5)
Research Methodology	871(5)
Community Mental Health	871(55)

Second year

Compulsory modules

Social Psychiatry	871(5)
Cultural Psychiatry	871(5)
Public Psychiatry	871(5)
Research Assignment	871(60) *

* The research assignment is completed over the course of the two years.

Elective modules

Choose any two modules.

Community Psychology	871(20)
Psycho-social Rehabilitation	871(20)
Community Psychiatry	871(20)

Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment is applicable to all modules and a minimum final mark of 50% is required to pass.
- You will be assessed regularly as part of the flexible assessment strategy and you must keep a log-book as record of your clinical exposure.
- If you fail a module, you may repeat the assessment which has contributed to the final mark for the module. Whether the topic and nature of the assessment remain unchanged or you are required to take an amended assessment, is left to the discretion of the module chair.
- If you fail a module, you may repeat it. If you, however, fail the module for the second time, you may

be denied the right to attempt the module again on recommendation of the Faculty Board.

- If you do not show adequate clinical and/or professional progress (as outlined in the module/programme guide), you will be afforded an opportunity to remediate your inadequate clinical and/or professional conduct or performance. If you fail to remediate, you may only repeat the module or continue with the programme on recommendation of the departmental programme committee and the approval of the Faculty Board.
- You must submit a satisfactory research assignment demonstrating your ability to conduct an independent scientific investigation, to interpret the results and to make deductions from the results. The research assignment is assessed according to the guidelines of Stellenbosch University and you must achieve a mark of at least 50% to pass.
- The final mark is calculated according to the credit weights of the individual modules.
- You must obtain a final mark of at least 50% to pass the programme.

Enquiries

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