

5.3.3.17 MPhil in Infant Mental Health

Specific admission requirements

- An honours degree, an MMed degree or a Fellowship of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa qualification.
- Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa or an equivalent regulatory board.
- You must be working in a clinical setting appropriate to the practice and learning of infant mental health.

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 is presented on a part-time basis and in a modular manner. It extends over two years.

Programme description

The aim of this degree programme is to train competent infant mental health clinicians to attend to the mental health and psychiatric needs of children from 0 to 3 years old.

Programme content

First year

Infant Development and Assessment	871(10)
Family and Social Contexts	872(10)

Second year

Disorders in Infancy	873(10)
Evidence-based Interventions	874(10)

First and second years

Infant Observation	876(40)
Clinical Practicum	875(40)
Research Assignment (Infant Mental Health)	881(60)

Assessment and examination

- Modules are assessed on the basis of a combination of:
 - attendance;
 - acceptable completion of module tasks which may take the form of written assignments, essay submissions, practical clinical assessments and presentations; and
 - in the case of the research assignment module, the completion of a research manuscript/article ready for publication.
- You must pass all seven modules with a mark of at least 50%.
- The final mark is calculated as the average of the marks achieved in each of the seven modules.
- The examination and successful completion of the research assignment is compulsory for the awarding of the degree.
- 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 complete a module in the allocated time, you may be allowed an extension for a year on recommendation of the Faculty Board. If you require an additional extension of a year to complete a single module, you must submit a motivation to the departmental programme committee. Your request is subject to approval by the Department of Psychiatry and the Faculty

- Board, and you may be denied the right to attempt completion of the module again.
- To obtain the MPhil in Infant Mental Health degree, you must achieve a final mark of at least 50% and to pass the degree *cum laude*, you must achieve a final mark of at least 75%.

Enquiries

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