

5.3.1.23 MMed Microbiological Pathology MMed (Microbiol Path)

Specific admission requirements

This programme does not have specific admission requirements. The general admission requirements for MMed programmes as mentioned in section 5.3.1 above (under the heading "General admission and selection requirements for the MMed programmes") are applicable.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of four years.

Programme content

Immunology (two-month rotation; attendance module)	876(40)
Laboratory Management (attendance module)	875(10)
Medical Microbiology	876(250)
Medical Virology (six-month rotation)	875(40)
Molecular Pathology (attendance module)	875(10)
Research Assignment	835(120)
Research Methodology (attendance module)	873(10)

Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment is based on the regular evaluation of a portfolio of evidence that you must present to the supervisors along with regular formative assessments (written and practical).
- The written examination for Part I may be taken after a minimum of 12 months into the programme and must be passed with a minimum of 50%.
- Admission to the Part II examination of the College of Pathologists requires prior permission by the head of the Division of Medical Microbiology in consultation with the Postgraduate Programme Committee. You must submit the research assignment or proof of satisfactory progress before you can attempt the Part II examination.
- The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) requires that you successfully complete the single exit examination of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA) to register as a specialist. The Division of Medical Microbiology acknowledges this examination as equivalent to and substituting the MMed (Microbiol Path) Part II examination. It, however, remains the responsibility of the head of the Division to confirm the following:
 - the successful completion of the clinical training time;
 - the successful completion of the assignment according to the regulations of the University in this regard;
 - the successful completion of the Part I examination;
 - the submission of a completed portfolio of evidence.
- The first attempt at the Part II examination must be undertaken not later than 48 months after commencement of the programme. The examination may be attempted earlier subject to the requirements of the College of Pathologists.

Research assignment

- The assignment must be on a relevant Medical Microbiology topic of your choice. You must display your ability to conduct independent research by means of the assignment. The assignment must be completed in a standard format according to University regulations, and to the satisfaction of an internal and an unattached external examiner.

Discontinuation of studies

- If you fail to pass the Part I examination after two attempts within a time period of 24 months into the programme, the Postgraduate Programme Committee will recommend that you discontinue your studies. However, you may motivate to the Programme Committee for permission to undertake a third attempt. If the third attempt is unsuccessful, you will not be permitted to continue with the programme.
- If you have not yet attempted the Part II examination by 48 months, the Programme Committee may recommend that you suspend your studies.
- The Programme Committee may also recommend that you suspend your studies after three failed Part II examination attempts.
- If you have failed to complete the Part II examination and the research assignment successfully within a maximum training period of five years, the Programme Committee may recommend that you suspend your studies. You may, however, apply to the Programme Committee to be allowed to continue beyond five years.

Final mark

- The Part II examination must be passed with a minimum of 50%.
- The assignment must be passed with a minimum of 50%.
- The final mark is calculated as follows:
 - Medical Virology module 10%
 - Medical Microbiology module 65%
 - Part I examination 25%
 - Part II examination 75%
 - Research assignment 25%

Enquiries

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