

5.3.1.27 MMed Public Health Medicine MMed (PHM)

Specific admission requirements

The following specific admission requirement applies in addition to the general admission requirements for MMed programmes as mentioned in section 5.3.1 above:

- Three years of supervised medical experience which may include the compulsory two years of internship and the year of community service.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over four years.

Programme content

All modules are compulsory.

Theoretical modules

Public Health (Core Learning)	871(80)
Public Health (Elective Learning)	872(136)
Research Assignment	820(120)

Please note:

The Public Health (Core Learning) and Public Health (Elective Learning) modules include coursework, ad hoc seminars or semi-structured learning, a short report, self-learning and elective learning (special interest areas) covering the content specified in the College of Public Health Medicine Guidelines and Regulations (www.cmsa.co.za).

Practical module

Supervised Training Exposure	873(144)
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Assessment and examination

- The MMed (Public Health Medicine) examination consists of two parts, namely:
 - the MMed research assignment (pass mark of at least 50%); and
 - the successful completion of the examination of the College of Public Health Medicine of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA) with a pass mark of at least 50% (weighted average for both the unseen component and overall). Details of the examination of the College of Public Health Medicine of the CMSA are available on the website of the CMSA at <http://www.cmsa.ac.za/>.

Please note:

Assessment and examination are in evolution and it is expected that workplace-based assessments will play a stronger role in future. Please regularly consult official public health medicine regulations and guidelines on the CMSA website to keep up to date with these changes.

- To gain entry to the CMSA examination you must at registration for the examination:
 - have obtained a minimum average pass mark of 50% for the MMed research assignment (as evaluated by one internal and one external examiner);
 - hand in the short research report as required by the College of Public Health Medicine of the CMSA; and
 - have been registered for at least three years in an Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) approved training post number.
- Flexible assessment of your progress is done by means of module assessments, as well as six-monthly progress reports as prescribed by the CMSA.
- On identification of inadequate progress, remedial steps will be implemented. Continuation of inadequate academic progress will result in you having to vacate the registrar training post.
- You must have at least four years of training time within a registrar training post and in an HPCSA approved training post number and have passed the CMSA examination in order to register as a specialist in Public Health Medicine.
- If you have not successfully completed the examination of the CMSA, Division of Public Health Medicine after four years of training time, an extension in training time and continuation of employment in a registrar post will only be considered on grounds of your written request, with valid reasons, to the Postgraduate Programme Committee of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health.

Enquiries

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