

5.3.1.24 MMed Virological Pathology MMed (Virol 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 are applicable.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over four years.

Programme content

The first two modules below involve theory and practical aspects, while the third module involves a research project

Introduction to Virological Pathology	875(120)
Medical Virology	876(240)
Research Assignment	819(120)

Assessment and examination

- The curriculum of the MMed (Virol Path) programme corresponds with that of the Fellowship of the College of Pathologists of South Africa – Virology of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA).
- A Part I examination must be completed after the candidate has met the practical competencies and learning exposure criteria as outlined in the CMSA Virological Pathology Part I curriculum. The marks obtained in this examination will be captured against the Introduction to Virological Pathology module. If you fail to successfully complete the Part I examination within 18 months of training, you will be excluded from the programme.
- Medical Virology is the anchor module of the programme and is examined during the Part II examination of the Fellowship of the College of Pathologists – Virology of the CMSA, which is a single national exit examination. The examination consists of a theoretical and a practical examination and possibly an oral examination. Prerequisites for admission to the Part II examination are successful completion of the Part I examination and sufficient training and experience as outlined in the CMSA Virological Pathology curriculum and captured in a portfolio of evidence. It is your responsibility to update the portfolio of evidence.
- The minimum pass mark for the Part I and II examinations is 50%.
- The prerequisites for graduation are the completion of four years of study and the successful completion of the Part I and Part II examinations and the assignment. You must submit a portfolio of evidence as part of flexible assessment before the degree can be awarded.
- If you fail to successfully complete the Part II examination and the research assignment within a maximum training period of five years, you will be excluded from the programme and will have to vacate your registrar post. These requirements also apply to supernumerary registrars.
- The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) requires that you successfully complete the single exit examination to register as a specialist.
- The Division of Medical Virology acknowledges this examination as equivalent to and substituting the MMed (Virol Path) Part II examination.
- It, however, remains the responsibility of the head of the Division to confirm the following:
 - successful completion of the clinical training time;
 - successful completion of the research assignment according to the regulations of the University in this regard;
 - successful completion of the Part I examination; and
 - submission of a completed portfolio of evidence.
- The final mark is calculated as follows:
 - CMSA Part II examination 75%; and
 - research assignment 25%.

Enquiries

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