

### 5.3.3.11 MPhil in Family Medicine

#### Specific admission requirements

- A health professions bachelor's degree (NQF level 8) or an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for this purpose.
- Registration as a health professional with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, or the equivalent in your country of practice.

#### Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at [www.maties.com](http://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 online distance learning. Independent learning is encouraged. You must attend the contact sessions.

The research project is completed under the guidance of a supervisor. The thesis must be completed over the course of the two years.

#### Programme content

##### FIRST YEAR

Research Capacity Development	875(30)
Principles of Family Medicine	817(20)

##### SECOND YEAR

Thesis (Family Medicine)	875(90)
Teaching and Learning in Family Medicine	812(20)
Leadership and Clinical Governance	873(20)

#### Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment is applicable to all modules.
- The pass mark for each module is 50% and you must also pass the thesis with a mark of at least 50%.
- You must submit a satisfactory thesis demonstrating your ability to conduct an independent scientific investigation, to interpret the results and to make deductions from the results.
- The thesis is assessed according to the guidelines of Stellenbosch University.
- The final mark is calculated according to the credit weights of the individual modules.
- To be awarded the MPhil in Family Medicine, you must obtain a final mark of at least 50%.
- To be awarded the MPhil in Family Medicine with distinction, you must obtain a final mark of at least 75%.

## Enquiries

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### **5.3.3 Master of Philosophy**

The programme Master of Philosophy in the Faculty consists of subspecialty training and structured and thesis programmes.

#### **Programmes for subspecialty training**

These programmes offer specialists in Internal Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology the opportunity to qualify as subspecialists in one of the various subspecialty fields within these disciplines.

#### **General admission requirements for subspecialty programmes**

You can apply for the subspecialty programmes in the respective disciplines if you meet the following requirements:

- The MMed degree in Internal Medicine or Obstetrics and Gynaecology; and
- Registration as specialist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

See each programme for the admission requirements that apply specifically to a particular programme.

#### **Clinical experience**

If you want to register for one of these programmes at the University, you must be appointed in one of the approved HPCSA training numbers as awarded to the Faculty and occupy a senior registrar post in service of the Western Cape Provincial Department of Health and Wellness for the full duration of your training.

#### **Assessment and examination**

The standard exit examination for these programmes is a certificate examination of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA).

#### **Structured and thesis programmes**

These programmes are advanced research-based programmes. In some programmes candidates must pass theoretical modules and successfully complete a research assignment, and in other programmes a research thesis that meet the requirements of the University must be submitted.

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