

### 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](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 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%.

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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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