

5.3.3.26 MPhil in Neuropsychiatry – Old Age Psychiatry

Specific admission requirements

- One of the following qualifications:
 - Master of Medicine in Psychiatry/Neurology;
 - a fellowship of the South African College of Psychiatrists/Neurologists; or
 - an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for this purpose.
- Registration as medical practitioner in the category independent practice/specialist psychiatrist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at 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 supervised clinical work. Independent learning is encouraged. The research assignment is completed under the guidance of a supervisor.

Programme content

FIRST YEAR

Applied HIV and Medicine	871(10)
Applied Neurology	871(10)
Applied Neuropsychiatry	871(10)
Applied Psychosomatic Medicine	871(10)
Ethics	871(5)
Neuropsychopharmacology	871(5)
Research Methodology	871(5)

SECOND YEAR

Applied Geriatric Medicine	871(10)
Clinical Imaging	871(5)
Neuropsychological and Specialised Assessments	871(5)
Old Age Psychiatry	871(45)
Research Assignment	871(60) *

* The research assignment is completed over the course of the two years.

Assessment and examination

- Flexible assessment is applicable to all modules and you must pass each module with a minimum mark of 50%.
- You will be assessed regularly as part of the flexible assessment strategy and you must keep a log-book as record of your clinical exposure.
- If you fail a module, you may repeat the assessment which has contributed to the final mark for the module. Whether the topic and nature of the assessment remain unchanged or you are required to take an amended assessment, is left to the discretion of the module chair.
- 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 show adequate clinical and/or professional progress (as outlined in the module/programme guide), you will be afforded an opportunity to remediate your inadequate clinical and/or professional conduct or performance. If you fail to remediate, you may only repeat the module or continue with the programme on recommendation of the departmental programme committee and the approval of the Faculty Board.
- You must submit a satisfactory research assignment demonstrating your ability to conduct an independent scientific investigation, to interpret the results and to make deductions from the results.
- The assignment is assessed according to the guidelines of Stellenbosch University and you must achieve a mark of at least 50% to pass.
- The final mark is calculated according to the credit weights of the individual modules.
- You must obtain a final mark of at least 50% to pass the programme.

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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