

5.3.10 Master of Physiotherapy

Specific admission requirements

- One of the following qualifications:
 - a four-year bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy or an equivalent qualification approved by Senate for such purposes, and registration as a Physiotherapist or Physiotherapy student with the South African Health Professions Council; or
 - a diploma in Physiotherapy, provided that:
 - this takes place on the recommendation of the Committee for Postgraduate Education;
 - you have remained academically and professionally active in the specific field since obtaining the diploma;
 - you have evidence that you have passed the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy I (OMT I) course;
 - you completed a preliminary examination to the satisfaction of the Committee for Postgraduate Education; and
 - supplementary work may be required;
- A minimum of one year of clinical experience in Physiotherapy after obtaining the bachelor's degree.
- For admission to the structured Master's degree in Physiotherapy (Ortho-manipulative Therapy), you must (in addition to the above requirements) provide evidence of:
 - successful completion of the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy I (OMT I) programme; or
 - appropriate clinical experience and continuous professional education.

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**.

The divisional Postgraduate Committee selects a number of suitable candidates after the closing date. If it's necessary, candidates may be invited for an interview before the final selection. Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide which candidates will be admitted to the programme.

Programme description

The aim of the programme is to:

- equip you with advanced knowledge and skills in the chosen field of Physiotherapy;
- advance your ability to acquire higher-order skills with regard to the critical analysis and evaluation of knowledge and skills;
- equip you with the necessary skills in order to undertake original, advanced and independent research in the field of Physiotherapy;
- prepare you for various forms of scientific professional communication; and
- produce professionals with the skills and critical cognitive capability to advance the profession and to contribute to a pool of professional and academic practitioners in the field of Physiotherapy.

You can follow one of two options for the Master of Physiotherapy programme, namely:

- Master of Physiotherapy (structured option); and
- Master of Physiotherapy (thesis option).

The two options are discussed separately in more detail below.

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5.3.10.1 Master of Physiotherapy (structured option)

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of two years on a part-time basis.

Programme description

The programme consists of six modules, a research project, a thesis and an oral examination. The field of specialty for this programme is Ortho-manipulative Therapy.

Programme content

Biomechanics	873(8)
OMT – Approaches and Concepts	863(20)
OMT – Upper Quadrant	873(12)
OMT – Lower Quadrant	882(15)
OMT – Integrated and Advanced Practice	852(10)
OMT – Clinical	892(25)
Thesis (Physio – OMT)	894(90)

Assessment and examination

- You must obtain a minimum mark of 50% in each module to pass.
- The theoretical modules are subject to flexible assessment by means of clinical portfolios, written tests, clinical, written and oral presentations and reports.
- Regarding the thesis module, flexible assessment of your progress will take place during the research process. You complete a research project, leading to the submission of a thesis which is assessed according to University guidelines through a process of internal and external examination.
- The assessment of the thesis includes an oral examination.
- The final mark is calculated from a flexible assessment mark (10%) and the marks awarded by the examiners. In order to pass, you must achieve a minimum final mark of 50% for the thesis module.

5.3.10.2 Master of Physiotherapy (thesis option)

Duration of programme

The programme extends over a minimum of one year on a full-time basis or two years on a part-time basis.

Programme description

This research-based programme consists of class assessments, an approved research project, a full thesis and an oral examination.

Programme content

The thesis topic is determined in conjunction with the supervisor.

Thesis (Physiotherapy)	872(180)
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Assessment and examination

- The final mark consists of a class mark component (5%) and a final thesis examination mark (95%).
- For the final thesis examination, you must complete a research project, leading to the submission of a thesis which is assessed according to University guidelines through a process of internal and external examination. The final thesis examination mark comprises the written thesis component (80%) and an oral examination component (15%), calculated as an average of the internal and external examiner marks.

- In order to pass, you must achieve a minimum final mark of 50% for the thesis module.

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