

5.1.6 Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases

Specific admission requirements

To be accepted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases, you must:

- be in possession of an MBChB degree of Stellenbosch University, or another qualification considered by the University to be of an adequate standard, for at least two years;
- be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa or an equivalent registration body outside South Africa;
- be fluent in both written and spoken English. Applicants with foreign qualifications who did not use English as medium of instruction for their undergraduate studies may be required to provide evidence of their oral and academic writing proficiency in English;
- work in a clinical setting appropriate to the practice and learning of infectious diseases; and
- be computer literate and have access to the internet. Candidates may also be required to use mobile devices for participation in certain programme activities.

Please note:

Candidates may qualify for exemption, complete or partial, from certain modules based on comparable academic training and clinical experience gained at another acknowledged institution.

Programme description

The Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases aims to provide doctors with a programme that will expand their knowledge and skills in the prevention, diagnosis and management of infectious diseases. The programme also aims to enhance the quality of infectious disease management in the primary care environments and rural areas, and to provide for professional development in the discipline.

Programme outcomes

As a graduate with the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases, you will be able to:

- assess, diagnose and treat adult and paediatric patients with infections (community-acquired, hospital-acquired, travel/tropical, immunosuppressed) in a cost-effective way in limited-resource environments;
- promote the general health and quality of life of the community by playing a leading role in preventing infectious diseases, practicing antibiotic stewardship and responding to infectious diseases outbreaks appropriately;
- provide all healthcare in an ethical, compassionate and responsible manner, and show the necessary respect for human rights while doing so; and
- evaluate and reflect on your personal and professional strengths and weaknesses in order to change your professional practice in an appropriate manner according to the available evidence.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Please note, however, that applications for prospective international students close on **31 August** of the previous year.

The University Senate, or the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, will decide if a candidate can be admitted.

Presentation and duration of programme

The programme is presented part-time over two years and is offered in a modular manner by means of a blended-learning model. It will include e-learning, guided self-study, assignments, reflective case-based portfolios and work-based learning, as well as face-to-face tutorials and skills training.

Programme content

You must complete all five modules over a period of two years. You cannot start with a new module if you have not successfully completed the preceding module. Attendance of the contact sessions at the start of each year is compulsory for admission to the year's modules.

FIRST YEAR

Adult Infectious Diseases	775(30)
Paediatric Infectious Diseases	775(30)

SECOND YEAR

HIV and TB	775(30)
Surgical/Trauma Infections	775(15)
Community Health	775(15)

Assessment and examination

- To be accepted for the examination after each module, you must:
 - show satisfactory participation in e-learning activities for the module concerned; and
 - obtain a class mark of at least 50% for the module concerned. The class mark is calculated as the average of the marks for the assignments and portfolios of the module concerned.
- A final mark of at least 50% is needed to pass a module.
- Re-examinations can either be written or oral examinations.
- The final mark for the programme is calculated as the average of the final marks for the modules.
- To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases, a final mark of at least 50% for each module must be obtained, attendance of face-to-face contact time must be 100% and all the portfolios (with a logbook included) confirming satisfactory exposure to practical work must be submitted.
- To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Infectious Diseases with distinction, a final mark of at least 75% must be obtained.

Enquiries

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