



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MMed Family Medicine (10250402)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 534

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Programme information

Please note:

- i. All MMed students must register for, and attend (TNM 802) Applied research methodology 802 satisfactorily, preferably during the intermediate phase/ after completion of Part 1 and before sitting for Part 2 of the MMed.
- ii. All MMed students must submit a dissertation (MMS 890) which must be assessed as satisfactory by an external examiner, or a research article that has been accepted for publication in a subsidised periodical. The student must be the first author of the article. An ordinary literature review will not be accepted. The research proposal must be approved by the MMed Protocol Committee prior to the intermediate exam (surgical disciplines) or otherwise within two years of enrolment (other disciplines). It is in the best interest of the candidate to complete the research component prior to the exit exam and if not possible, preferably to postpone the exam. If the exam is to be written in Semester 2 of the 4th year the dissertation should be submitted 1 September of the 4th year. If this is not the case, the supervisor should complete and sign the necessary documentation, stipulating that the candidate will complete the project within the next 3 to 6 months. The dissertation must be submitted prior to the taking of the CMSA fellowship examination.
- iii. A systematic literature review (Cochrane type) on an approved subject, which is undertaken in such a manner that bias is minimised, may be presented as an alternative to the dissertation for awarding the MMed (Public Health Medicine) degree. It requires, inter alia, a protocol with clearly formulated objectives and methods. Inclusion and exclusion methods for the study must be determined. Where applicable, the data must be summarised (meta analysis), with applicable statistical methods. This alternative is in special cases applicable to other MMed degrees.

Registrarship:

- Inquire at the relevant head of department regarding the availability of registrarships for the specialisation Medical Oncology.
- Inquire at the Head of the Department of Family Medicine regarding the availability of registrarships for the specialisation Emergency Medicine.
- Inquire at the relevant head of department regarding the availability of registrarships for the specialisation Radiation Oncology.

Each student must prove to the University that he or she

- i. has successfully filled the required full-time training post for a period of four or five years according to the requirements of the relevant department at the Steve Biko Academic Hospital, (in case of pathology registrars) or Kalafong Hospital or at an institution recognised by the University as equivalent;
- ii. has completed the theoretical, practical, clinical and applicable training as stipulated;

- iii. has passed the prescribed written, oral, practical and/or clinical university examinations, and
- iv. has successfully completed the research component of the degree.

Admission requirements

A prospective student for the MMed degree programme must be in possession of the MBChB degree of this University or a qualification deemed by the University to be equivalent to the MBChB degree for at least two years. In addition such a student must be registered as a physician with the Health Professions Council of South Africa for at least one year.

International students must have qualifications verified by SAQA. Contact department before applying for government positions. Contact department before application.

Other programme-specific information

“Major subject” refers to the recognised field of study in Medicine in which the student specialises. The study of the major subject extends over four or five years, as prescribed by the relevant department.

Exemption

- i. The Faculty Board may grant partial exemption from the training and work on the grounds of comparable training and experience completed in another post or at another recognised institution – with the proviso that exemption from a maximum period of 18 months may be granted with regard to four-year and five-year programmes.
- ii. Exemption from a maximum of three years may be granted by the Department of Medical Oncology for the MMed in Medical Oncology [MMed(MedOnc)] on the grounds of the MMed(Int) or MMed(Paed) degree of this University, or experience recognised by the University as equivalent.
- iii. Exemption from a maximum of two years' clinical training may be granted in the Department of Forensic Medicine in respect of the MMed(Path) degree with specialisation Forensic Pathology, to a candidate already in possession of an MMed degree (or a degree deemed equivalent by the University) with specialisation in Anatomical Pathology.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred at the end of the prescribed training period (i.e. three, four or five years, respectively). The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained a final mark of at least 75% in his or her major subject.

General information

Registrars

Departments expect registrars to participate increasingly in the examining and treatment of patients in the hospital, both in-patients and out-patients, as well as performing and interpreting tests in the laboratory (where applicable); initially under supervision and later increasingly at their own responsibility. Lectures/symposia with closely related departments are organised, as well as discussions of literature, etc.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 534

Core modules

Family medicine 805 (HAK 805) - Credits: 354.00

Dissertation 890 (MMS 890) - Credits: 180.00

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 534

Core modules

Family medicine 805 (HAK 805) - Credits: 354.00

Dissertation 890 (MMS 890) - Credits: 180.00

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 534

Core modules

Family medicine 805 (HAK 805) - Credits: 354.00

Dissertation 890 (MMS 890) - Credits: 180.00

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 534

Core modules

Family medicine 805 (HAK 805) - Credits: 354.00

Dissertation 890 (MMS 890) - Credits: 180.00

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

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