University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

MMed (Occupational Medicine) (10250374)

Department	Public Health Medicine
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	480
NQF level	09

Programme information

A dissertation (GGS 892 Dissertation: Occupational Medicine – 180 credits) on an approved research project must be passed in addition to the major subject and prerequisites. The stipulations of the General Regulations regarding the preparation and submission, the technical editing and the résumé of the dissertation apply

Admission requirements

1. MBChB (or equivalent) degree
2. Currently registered as a medical practitioner with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

Additional requirements

i. has successfully filled the required full-time training post for a period of four years according to the requirements of the Department of Public Health Medicine;
ii. has completed the theoretical and practical applicable training as stipulated; and
iii. has passed the prescribed written, oral and/or practical university examinations or equivalent Colleges of Medicine of South Africa examinations.

Other programme-specific information

Please note: All MMed students must register for, and attend (TNM 802) Applied research methodology, satisfactorily.
“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 years, as prescribed by the Department of Public Health Medicine.

Examinations and pass requirements

i. The sequence of the examinations in the prerequisite subjects will be determined by the head of the department of Public Health Medicine.
ii. The final exit examination for the major subject (GGS 802) will be conducted by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MMed (Occupational Medicine)

degree except for the major subject, i.e. passed all prerequisite subjects, completed all applicable training as prescribed and completed the required research component for the degree in accordance with the Faculty Yearbook regulations, i.e. TNM 802 and the dissertation (GGS 892), will be allowed to write the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa exit examination.

iii. A minimum final mark of 50% is required to pass in a subject.
iv. A student is not admitted to the examination in a prerequisite subject (second examinations excluded) more than twice, nor is he or she admitted to the examination in the major subject more than twice.

Second examinations
Second examinations in the prerequisite subjects will only be held after at least six months have elapsed since the conclusion of the examination in which the student had failed, and following adequate remediation.

Exemption

The Faculty Board may, at its discretion, grant partial exemption from the training and work mentioned earlier on the grounds of comparable training and experience completed in another post or at another recognised institution – with the provison that exemption from a maximum period of 18 months may be granted in the case of the MMed (Occupational Medicine) degree programme.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Registrars in Occupational Medicine are expected to undergo rotational attachment to a number of designated organisations during their period of training.

Research information

A dissertation on an approved Occupational Health or Occupational Medicine research project must be passed in addition to the major subject and prerequisites. The stipulations of the General Regulations regarding the preparation and submission, the technical editing and the résumé of the dissertation apply.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred at the end of the prescribed training period, i.e. four years unless a time exemption has been awarded by the Faculty Board. The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained a final mark of at least 75% in the major subject.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 480

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800) - Credits: 50.00
Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800) - Credits: 50.00
Occupational medicine 802 (GGS 802) - Credits: 150.00
Dissertation: Occupational medicine 892 (GGS 892) - Credits: 180.00
Scientific writing 873 (HMS 873) - Credits: 5.00
Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800) - Credits: 50.00
Learning in public health 873 (PHM 873) - Credits: 0.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 480

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800) - Credits: 50.00
Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800) - Credits: 50.00
Occupational medicine 802 (GGS 802) - Credits: 150.00
Dissertation: Occupational medicine 892 (GGS 892) - Credits: 180.00
Scientific writing 873 (HMS 873) - Credits: 0.00
Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800) - Credits: 50.00
Learning in public health 873 (PHM 873) - Credits: 0.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 480

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800) - Credits: 50.00
Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800) - Credits: 50.00
Occupational medicine 802 (GGS 802) - Credits: 150.00
Dissertation: Occupational medicine 892 (GGS 892) - Credits: 180.00
Scientific writing 873 (HMS 873) - Credits: 0.00
Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800) - Credits: 50.00
Learning in public health 873 (PHM 873) - Credits: 0.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 480

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800) - Credits: 50.00
Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800) - Credits: 50.00
Occupational medicine 802 (GGS 802) - Credits: 150.00
Dissertation: Occupational medicine 892 (GGS 892) - Credits: 180.00
Scientific writing 873 (HMS 873) - Credits: 0.00
Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800) - Credits: 50.00
Learning in public health 873 (PHM 873) - Credits: 0.00
Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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