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A clinical associate is a professional member of the healthcare team who has the necessary knowledge and skills to make a substantial contribution to the South African district health system. Clinical associates are supervised by doctors in the performance of all practice-related activities, including the requisition of diagnostic, therapeutic and other medical services, based on their education, training and experience.



What does the programme entail?

- The Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice programme requires 3 years full time study.
- It involves practical, patient-oriented learning in the health service in four South African provinces.



Who is the ideal candidate?

The ideal candidate is a self-directed learner with a passion for helping people from under-served populations. Disciplined, hard-working students excel.



What makes this programme unique?

- The Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice is a unique programme due to early patient contact, and the practical training it provides in the health service.
- The Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice is accredited by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).



Career opportunities

Clinical Associates work mostly in primary healthcare, in community healthcare programmes, clinics, private practices and hospitals. Clinical Associates also have various postgraduate study opportunities such as: Honours in Emergency Medicine, Postgraduate Diplomas in Public Health, HIV/AIDS management, Addiction Care, Community Oriented Primary Care and several more.



Which companies employ our graduates?

Private hospital groups such as:

Netcare Hospitals
Mediclinic
Life Healthcare Group

ER
Consulting

Government Departments such as:

The Department of Health
The National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD)
The South African Military Health Services (SAMHS)

The Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre
Community healthcare programmes:
Government or industry sponsored

NGOs such as:

The Aurum Institute
CHAPS
Right to Care



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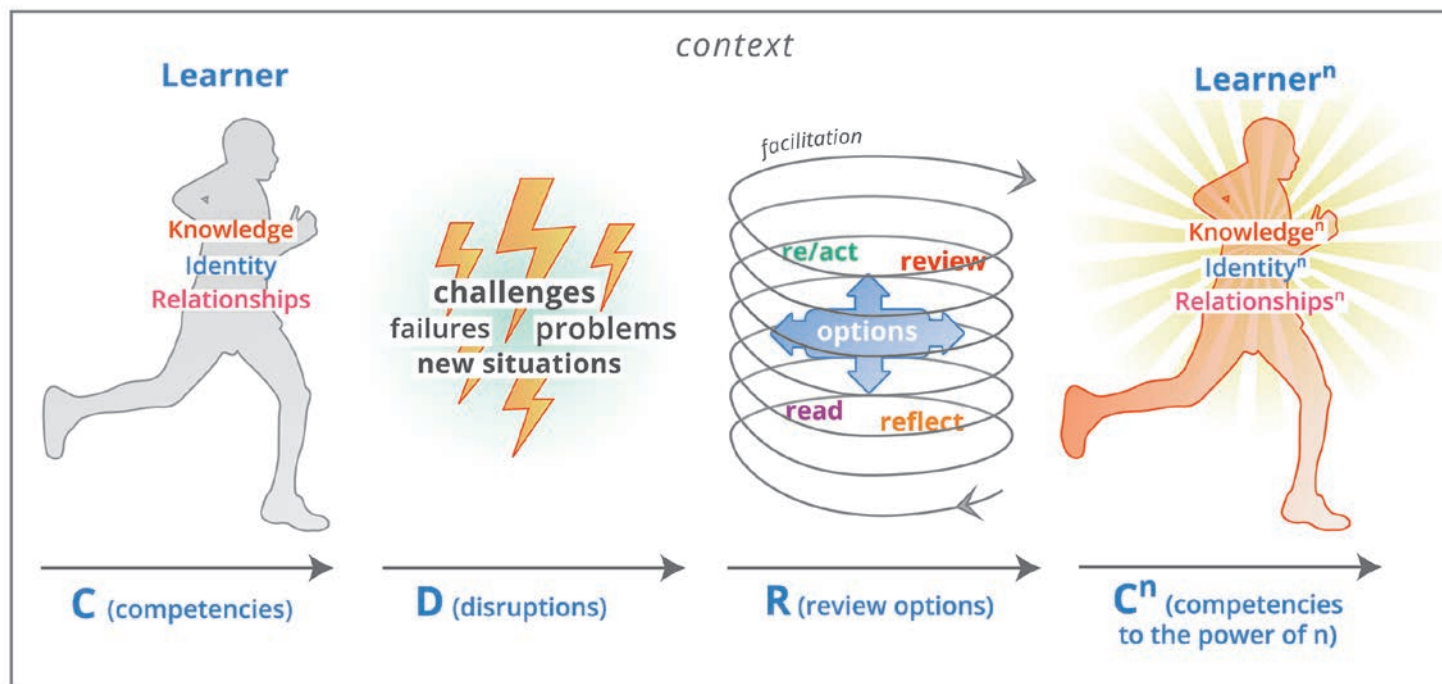
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Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice

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The capability approach to learning



‘Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. Studying Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice is very challenging and requires one to be strong and hard-working. It has allowed me to grow so much as a person and become more responsible, caring and loving. I learned so much about myself and, most of all, never to give up when things get hard. The challenges we face at the hospital and school will make you a better clinician in the future. Here’s a little secret on how to survive, when our facilitators throw lemons at you, make lemonade.’

Nokwanda Dlamini – Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2026			
	Achievement level			APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences or Life Sciences	
School of Medicine				
Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice [3 years]	4	4	4	28

For advice on a second-choice programme, please consult a Student Advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to carol.bosch@up.ac.za.

Selection is based on a candidates’ final Grade 11 examination results and the Biographical Information Form.

Careers: Clinical associates, academics and researchers

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Minimum requirements for
applicants with a school
leaving certificate not issued
by Umalusi (South Africa)



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/ or registration.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
CIE	UK	GCE CIE NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE								
Bachelor of Dental Surgery	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery**	Mathematics	B	5	2	B	D	5	4	70-79%	B+
[Also referred to as MBChB]	Physics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
	Chemistry	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Oral Hygiene										
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostics	Physics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Dietetics	Chemistry	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Sports Science	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice [Also referred to as BCMP]	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Physics/	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Chemistry	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	combination or Biology*									
Bachelor of Nursing Science	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Biology	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+

English must be on the A and/or AS Level for final admission before registration.

* A PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY combination, or BIOLOGY and another subject on the A or AS Level

** Applicants who are not South African citizens and come from countries that have medical schools will not be considered for placement in the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery programme [also referred to as MBChB], except where intergovernmental agreements are in place.