
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MMed Public Health Medicine (10250372)

Duration of study 4 years

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.

Additional requirements

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 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 primary Colleges of Medicine of South Africa examinations.

Other programme-specific information

Please note: All MMed students must register for, and attend (TNM 800) 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 will be conducted by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MMed(Public Health Medicine) degree except for the major subject, i.e. passed all prerequisite subjects, completed all applicable training as prescribed in Reg. P.3(c) and completed the required research component for the degree in accordance with the Faculty Yearbook regulations, i.e. TNM 800 and the dissertation (GGS 890) 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.

Exemption

(i) The Faculty Board may 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 proviso that exemption from a maximum period of 18 months may be granted in the case of a four-year programme such as the MMed (Public Health Medicine) degree programme.

(ii) Exemption from a maximum of two years' Public Health Medicine training may be granted in the Department of Public Health Medicine in respect of the MMed(Public Health Medicine) degree, to a candidate already in possession of a Fellowship of the College of Public Health Medicine or a Fellowship of the College of Occupational Health Medicine of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Such a candidate must have completed a period of at least 24 months of registrar training in Public Health Medicine or in Occupational Health Medicine that is recorded as such by the HPCSA.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Registrars in Public Health Medicine are expected to undergo rotational attachment to a number of designated health service organisations during their period of training.

Research information

A dissertation 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.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred at the end of the prescribed training period, i.e. four years. 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.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 220

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Scientific writing 871 (HMS 871)

Module credits	5.00
Contact time	16 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Learning in public health 870 (PHM 870)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This is the first (one-week) module at the beginning of the year focusing on learning. At the end of this week, you will have a much better understanding of what you actually want to achieve in public health and what you need to learn to get there. You will probably also have changed your views on learning: from individual surface learning and memorization, to valuing deep learning often in a group context. Finally, you will have achieved the ability to use the ever-increasing knowledge in health, philosophy, and ethics that are generated on the internet to your own best advantage.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 220

Core modules

Administrative theory and health related social sciences 800 (ASW 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Epidemiology theory, biostatistics and demography 800 (EBD 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Scientific writing 871 (HMS 871)

Module credits	5.00
Contact time	16 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Communicable and non-communicable health-related conditions 800 (ONO 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Learning in public health 870 (PHM 870)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
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Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 220

Core modules

Public health medicine 800 (GGS 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 800 (TNM 800)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	BOS 870
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Public health medicine 800 (GGs 800)

Module credits	70.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 800 (TNM 800)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	BOS 870
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.