

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Faculty of Health Sciences

Welcome to the Faculty of Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences is recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding institution in terms of its education of health professionals, its research and its clinical service. Furthermore, it is an institution with a tradition of excellence and a proud history. A great health sciences institution, however, never rests comfortably on its past successes. A great health sciences institution does more than make history – it makes the future. The Faculty management is deeply committed and this has been translated into an action agenda which recognises the need for constant innovation and is dedicated to meet the health sciences challenges: those not yet conquered and those not yet known.

Students learn to make a life, make a living and make a difference. Graduates become community leaders that are distinct in their ability to think, communicate and contribute.

Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences has a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary approaches.

Faculty regulations and information

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

The General Academic 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.

1. Selection

A selection process takes place prior to admission for all the undergraduate degree programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

2. Academic Literacy Test

All new undergraduate students who register for the BChD programme in the School of Dentistry and the MBChB and BSportSci programmes in the School of Medicine will be required to write an academic literacy test. On the grounds of this test, students may be required to follow compulsory academic literacy modules (ELH 111 and 112 for students of Dentistry and Medicine, and ELH 121 and 122 for students of Sports Science), which they must pass as one of the requirements for obtaining their degree.

Undergraduate students who register in the School of Healthcare Sciences, the BOH programme in the School of Dentistry and the BCMP programme in the School of Medicine will not be required to write the academic literacy test. The academic literacy modules ELH 121 and ELH 122 are compulsory for all students (School of Healthcare Sciences and BOH programme) and ELH 131 and 132 (BCMP programme), and a pass mark for each of these modules is a requirement for obtaining their degree.

3. Academic information management

It is required of all new first-year students at the University of Pretoria to complete the Academic information management modules (AIM 111 and AIM 121). Details of this module can be found in the Course Catalog.

4. Subminimum in examination papers

Where applicable, the subminima required in examinations appears in the regulations of the degree/diploma in question and in the study guide.

5. Examinations

The examinations in first-semester modules usually take place in May/June and the supplementary examination in July (exception being the MBChB degree which usually takes place in November/December), and the second semester (including year modules) examination take place in October/November and the supplementary examination in November/December.

6. Special examinations

Also refer to General Academic Regulation G12.4.

A student who is prevented from writing the standard examination due to illness or other qualifying circumstances, may be granted permission by the dean to write a special examination in the particular module(s).

An application to write a special examination, accompanied by supporting documentation in the form of a medical certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner in the case of illness (see Section A21 for more information on medical certificates), or appropriate supporting documents in the case of other qualifying circumstances (see Section A22 for more information on affidavits), accompanied by a letter of motivation, must be submitted to the dean in the prescribed manner, within three days of the date of the particular examination that was not written. If an application could not be submitted on time, a late application supported by the required documentation and a valid reason or motivation for the late application must be submitted to the dean for consideration.

The date for a special examination is determined by the lecturer, in consultation with the head of the relevant department, if it cannot take place on the scheduled examination or supplementary examination dates. The examination must be conducted as soon as possible after the qualifying circumstances or illness have/has ceased to exist.

7. Re-marking of examination scripts

Also refer to General Academic Regulation G14.

In accordance with the stipulations of the General Academic Regulations, departments give feedback to students after an examination on the framework used by the examiners during the examination. The way in which feedback is given, is determined by the relevant head of department. Students may, after perusal, and after the examination period (which includes the examination and the supplementary examination), within 14 calendar days after commencement of the lectures in the next semester, and after payment of the prescribed fee, apply for the re-marking of an examination script, by an examiner who should be an external examiner from outside of the University) appointed by the relevant head of department.

The Faculty of Health Science furthermore defines the relevant regulation as follows:

- i. A student has the right of perusal of his or her examination script before applying for the re-marking of the examination script.

The following is determined by perusal of the script:

- Whether all the answers have been marked.
- Whether the marks awarded, have been calculated correctly.
- Whether the student did in fact answer all the questions.

ii. During perusal, the student, the lecturer as well as a third person (staff member) must be present.

If a discussion about the content of the answers in the script develops, the student must be referred to Student Administration, where he or she applies for the re-marking of the examination script.

8. Supplementary examination opportunity

- i. A student may be admitted to a supplementary examination in a module in the following instances [except for specific faculty requirements in respect of supplementary examinations in specific blocks for the first to the fifth year of study for the MBChB degree and the first and second year of study for BChD]:
 - a. If a final mark of between 40% and 49% has been obtained.
 - b. If a pass mark has been obtained but the required subminimum of 40% has not been met in the examination as a whole; or
 - c. If a pass mark has been obtained but not the required subminimum in subsections of the module.
- ii. A student must obtain a minimum of 50% in the supplementary examination to pass.
- iii. The highest final mark (pass mark) that can be awarded to a student for a supplementary examination, is 50%.

9. Promotion

Also refer to General Academic Regulation G10.3.

In certain departments, as indicated in the yearbook students can be promoted to a next semester or level of a subject without writing the prescribed examination, provided that their preparation is satisfactory and a continuous evaluation mark of at least 65% has been obtained.

Departments where promotion as prescribed above is possible, will inform students within a reasonable time in this regard.

Note:

Students obtain credit for a promoted module only after they have passed an examination in a consecutive module or modules of the subject in question at this University.

Promotion as described above, does not refer to the option that medical students may exercise to have the block mark at the end of the year, validated as the final block mark for a relevant block (i.e. to be exempted from the block examination in the block), provided, inter alia, that a block mark of at least 65% has been obtained in the block in question.



Undergraduate Degree

Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice [BCMP] (10130012)

Bachelor of Dental Surgery [BChD] (10136001)

Bachelor of Dietetics [BDietetics] (10139003)

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery [MBChB] (10130003)

Bachelor of Nursing Science [BNurs] (10131002)

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy [BOT] (10138003)

Bachelor of Oral Hygiene [BOH] (10132001)

Bachelor of Physiotherapy [BPhysio] (10138103)

Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostics [BRad in Diagnostics] (10137100)

Bachelor of Sports Science [BSportSci] (10135010)

Postgrad Diploma/Certificate

PGDip in Community Dentistry (10221032)

PGDip in Endodontics (10221040)

PGDip in Family Medicine (10220020)

PGDip in General Ultrasound (10220019)

PGDip in Hand Therapy (10220023)

PGDip in Health Systems Management in Executive Leadership (10220016)

PGDip in Occupational Medicine and Health (10220017)

PGDip in Pedodontics (10221042)

PGDip in Prosthodontics (10221044)

PGDip in Radiological and Surgical Principles (10221039)

PGDip in Forensic Odontology (10221041)

PGDip in Oral Medicine (10221029)

PGDip in Oral Surgery (10221043)

PGDip in Orthodontics (10221022)

PGDip in Practice Management (10221033)

PGDip Vocational Rehabilitation (10220022)

Honours

BRadHons in Diagnostics (10247015)

BRadHons in Nuclear Medicine (10247017)

BRadHons in Nuclear Medicine (10247018)

BRadHons in Radiation Therapy (10247019)

BRadHons in Radiation Therapy (10247020)

BScHons in Biokinetics (10243025)

BScHons in Biostatistics specialising in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (10244017)

BScHons in Cell Biology (10244052)

BScHons in Chemical Pathology (10243152)

BScHons in Clinical Pharmacology (10243162)

BScHons in Haematology (10244062)

BScHons in Human Cell Biology (10243006)

BScHons in Human Histology (10243005)

BScHons in Human Physiology (10243027)

BScHons in Human Physiology specialising in Occupational Hygiene (10244027)

BScHons in Macro-anatomy (10243010)

BScHons in Medical Criminalistics (10243192)

BScHons in Medical Immunology (10243172)

BScHons in Medical Microbiology (10243002)

BScHons in Medical Nuclear Science (10243182)

BScHons in Medical Oncology (10244032)



BScHons in Medical Physics (10243003)

BScHons in Medical Virology (10243133)

BScHons in Neuro-anatomy (10243008)

BScHons in Physical Anthropology (10243009)

BScHons in Radiation Oncology (10243144)

BScHons in Reproductive Biology (10244043)

BScHons in Reproductive Biology option Andrology (10244044)

BScHons in Sports Science (10243026)

Master's

Master of Dietetics [MDietetics] (10259003)

Master of Dietetics [MDietetics] (Coursework) (10259004)

Master of Early Childhood Intervention [MECI] (10258241)

Master of Medical Pharmacology [MPharmMed] (10256002)

Master of Military Medicine [MMilMed] (10255002)

Master of Occupational Therapy [MOccTher] (10258002)

Master of Physiotherapy [MPhysio] (10258103)

Master of Public Health [MPH] (10256502)

MChD in Community Dentistry (10252051)

MChD in Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery (10252052)

MChD in Oral Pathology (10252053)

MChD in Orthodontics (10252054)

MChD in Periodontics and Oral Medicine (10252056)

MChD in Prosthodontics (10252057)

MMed in Anaesthesiology (10250013)

MMed in Anatomical Pathology (10250014)

MMed in Chemical Pathology (10250015)

MMed in Clinical Pathology (10250016)

MMed in Dermatology (10250017)

MMed in Emergency Medicine (10250018)

MMed in Family Medicine (10250019)

MMed in Forensic Pathology (10250026)

MMed in Haematology (10250027)

MMed in Internal Medicine (10250028)

MMed in Medical Microbiology (10250029)

MMed in Medical Virology (10250033)

MMed in Neurology (10250034)

MMed in Neurosurgery (10250035)

MMed in Nuclear Medicine (10250036)

MMed in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (10250037)

MMed in Ophthalmology (10250038)

MMed in Orthopaedics (10250039)

MMed in Otorhinolaryngology (10250043)

MMed in Paediatric Surgery (10250044)

MMed in Paediatrics (10250045)

MMed in Plastic Surgery (10250046)

MMed in Psychiatry (10250047)

MMed in Public Health Medicine (10250048)

MMed in Radiation Oncology (10250049)

MMed in Radiological Diagnostics (10250053)

MMed in Surgery (10250054)

MMed in Thoracic Surgery (10250055)

MMed in Urology (10250056)

MNurs in Clinical Fields of Study (10251059)

MNurs in Clinical Fields of Study (Coursework) (10251058)

MNurs in Nursing Education (10251060)

MNurs in Nursing Education (Coursework) (10251062)

MNurs in Nursing Management (10251063)

MNurs in Nursing Management (Coursework) (10251064)

MOccTher specialising in Hand Therapy (Coursework) (10258012)

MOccTher specialising in Neurology (Coursework) (10258022)

MOccTher specialising in Paediatrics (Coursework) (10258032)

MOccTher specialising in Psychiatry (Coursework) (10258042)

MPhil specialising in Philosophy and Ethics of Mental Health (Coursework) (10250531)

MPhysio specialising in Internal Medicine (Coursework) (10258163)

MPhysio specialising in Neurology and Neurosurgery (Coursework) (10258233)

MPhysio specialising in Orthopaedic Manual Therapy (Coursework) (10258213)

MPhysio specialising in Orthopaedics (Coursework) (10258203)

MPhysio specialising in Paediatrics (Coursework) (10258173)

MPhysio specialising in Sports Medicine (Coursework) (10258223)

MPhysio specialising in Surgery (Coursework) (10258133)

MPhysio specialising in Women's Health (Coursework) (10258183)

MRad in Diagnostics (10257003)

MRad in Nuclear Medicine (10257004)

MRad in Radiation Therapy (10257005)

MSc in Dentistry (10252095)

MSc in Dentistry (Coursework) (10252100)

MSc in Dentistry specialising in Maxillo-facial and Oral Radiology (10252096)

MSc in Dentistry specialising in Oral Surgery (10252097)

MSc specialising in Anatomy (10253013)

- MSc specialising in Applied Human Nutrition (10253340)**
- MSc specialising in Cell Biology (10253103)**
- MSc specialising in Chemical Pathology (10253043)**
- MSc specialising in Community Oriented Primary Care (10253400)**
- MSc specialising in Environmental Health (10253326)**
- MSc specialising in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (10253336)**
- MSc specialising in Haematology (10253262)**
- MSc specialising in Human Genetics (10253073)**
- MSc specialising in Human Physiology (10253026)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Criminalistics (10253123)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Immunology (10253243)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Microbiology (10253033)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Nuclear Science (10253063)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Oncology (10253302)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Physics (10253272)**
- MSc specialising in Medical Virology (10253133)**
- MSc specialising in Pharmacology (10253053)**
- MSc specialising in Radiation Oncology (10253283)**
- MSc specialising in Reproductive Biology (10253093)**
- MSc specialising in Reproductive Biology option Andrology (10253312)**
- MSc specialising in Sports Medicine (Coursework) (10253141)**
- MSc specialising in Sports Science (10253146)**
- MSc specialising in Sports Science option Biokinetics (10253147)**
- MSc specialising in Sports Science option Biomechanics (10253148)**

Doctorate

DMed *Human Physiology* (10260273)

DMed specialising in Anaesthesiology (10260014)

DMed specialising in Anatomy (10260222)

DMed specialising in Dermatology (10260032)

DMed specialising in Family Medicine (10260252)

DMed specialising in Forensic Medicine (10260062)

DMed specialising in Geriatrics (10260042)

DMed specialising in Haematology (10260292)

DMed specialising in Internal Medicine (10260052)

DMed specialising in Medical Microbiology (10260282)

DMed specialising in Medical Oncology (10260362)

DMed specialising in Neurology (10260072)

DMed specialising in Neurosurgery (10260172)

DMed specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (10260082)

DMed specialising in Ophthalmology (10260092)

DMed specialising in Orthopaedics (10260182)

DMed specialising in Otorhinolaryngology (10260232)

DMed specialising in Paediatrics (10260102)

DMed specialising in Pathology (10260112)

DMed specialising in Pharmacology (10260262)

DMed specialising in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (10260192)

DMed specialising in Psychiatry (10260122)

DMed specialising in Public Health (10260244)

DMed specialising in Radiological Diagnostics (10260132)

DMed specialising in Reproductive Biology (10260013)

DMed specialising in Reproductive Biology option Andrology (10260015)

DMed specialising in Surgery (10260022)

DMed specialising in Thoracic Surgery (10260212)

DMed specialising in (10260143)

DMed specialising in (10260202)

PhD specialising in Anaesthesiology (10260522)

PhD specialising in Anatomical Pathology (10260442)

PhD specialising in Anatomy (10260332)

PhD specialising in Andrology (10260488)

PhD specialising in Chemical Pathology (10260502)

PhD specialising in Community Health (10260406)

PhD specialising in Dentistry (10264000)

PhD specialising in Diagnostic Radiology (10260592)

PhD specialising in Dietetics (10263062)

PhD specialising in Environmental Health (10260410)

PhD specialising in Epidemiology (10260409)

PhD specialising in Family Medicine (10260462)

PhD specialising in Health Systems (10260407)

PhD specialising in Human Genetics (10260422)

PhD specialising in Human Physiology (10260343)

PhD specialising in Internal Medicine (10260382)

PhD specialising in Medical Immunology (10263052)

PhD specialising in Medical Microbiology (10260352)

PhD specialising in Medical Nuclear Science (10260485)

PhD specialising in Medical Physics (10260542)

PhD specialising in Medical Virology (10260492)

PhD specialising in Mental Health (10260604)

PhD specialising in Neurology (10260472)

PhD specialising in Nursing Science (10260312)

PhD specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (10260552)

PhD specialising in Occupational Therapy (10260322)

PhD specialising in Ophthalmology (10260632)

PhD specialising in Orthopaedics (10260372)

PhD specialising in Paediatrics (10260512)

PhD specialising in Pharmacology (10260532)

PhD specialising in Physiotherapy (10260452)

PhD specialising in Psychiatry (10260487)

PhD specialising in Public Health (10260408)

PhD specialising in Radiography (10260572)

PhD specialising in Reproductive Biology (10260486)

PhD specialising in Sport Science (10260583)

PhD specialising in Sport Science option Biokinetics (10260585)

PhD specialising in Sport Science option Biomechanics (10260586)

PhD specialising in Sports Medicine (10260584)

PhD specialising in Urology (10260392)

UPOnline

PGDip in Public Health (UPOnline) (10221019)

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this 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 (HEQSF) 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.