

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Psychiatry and social dysfunction 581 (GNK 581)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	34.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery [MBChB]
Prerequisites	GNK 481,BOK 480,BOK 482,GNK 485,GNK 483,GNK 487,GNK 486,GNK 484,GNK 385,SMO 411 Fifth year academic status.
Contact time	5 ppw, 18 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Psychiatry
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module will help students to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to diagnose and manage certain psychiatric conditions. Preventive and promotive aspects of management are also emphasised. These psychiatric conditions include the following: mood disorders, anxiety disorders, alcohol and substance-related disorders, sexual disorders, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, mental disorders due to general medical conditions, personality disorders, eating disorders and sleep disorders.

These topics will be handled as applicable to children, adolescents and adults. Additional topics include: legal aspects, aggression, child abuse, child development, mental retardation and interpersonal skills.

During morning lectures, students are directly exposed to psychiatric patients and their problems by means of small-group activities.

The afternoon lectures are used for the solution of problem-orientated case studies and accompanied exploration of the themes mentioned above. The module is student-oriented, with the emphasis on self-tuition.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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