

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PGDip in Family Medicine (10220020)

Department Family Medicine

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (or equivalent) degree
2. Registration as a medical doctor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
or
registration with the licensing authority in the country of origin

Other programme-specific information

Two academic years part-time study with a modularised curriculum by means of distance education. A blended approach which will involve campus-based teaching, web-based teaching and workplace-based learning will be followed.

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Assignments as prescribed by the head of department, must be submitted for each of the eight modules. If a student does not achieve at least 50%, one resubmission is permitted for each module.
- ii. Workplace-based learning and assessment.

Learning in the workplace will be driven by peer learning and documented by means of a portfolio of learning. The portfolio of learning would need to include:

- Evidence of self-directed learning by means of six (6) monthly learning plans and reflection. The assignments will form part of the portfolio;
- Evidence of learning by means of ten (10) observations per year; and
- Evidence of learning skills by use of a logbook.

- iii. Final assessment

An annual assessment of the learning documented in the portfolio by the Department of Family Medicine. A minimum final mark of 50% is required as a pass mark for each module.

National exit examination

There will be one national exit examination for the country offered by the College of Family Physicians. The portfolio should be part of the assessment and the portfolio will give the student access to the national exit examination. Successful candidates will receive a Higher Diploma from the College as well as a Postgraduate Diploma from the University.

Pass with distinction

An average of at least 75% in the modules and the portfolio is required to obtain the diploma with distinction.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Family-oriented patient care 700 (FFM 700) - Credits: 15.00

Chronic diseases 700 (FMD 700) - Credits: 15.00

Psychiatry 700 (FMF 700) - Credits: 15.00

Infectious diseases 700 (FMI 700) - Credits: 15.00

Practice management 700 (FMX 700) - Credits: 15.00

Philosophy and principles of family medicine 700 (HAK 700) - Credits: 15.00

Clinical primary care 700 (PCC 700) - Credits: 15.00

Community-orientated primary care 700 (PCP 700) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Family-oriented patient care 700 (FFM 700) - Credits: 15.00

Chronic diseases 700 (FMD 700) - Credits: 15.00

Psychiatry 700 (FMF 700) - Credits: 15.00

Infectious diseases 700 (FMI 700) - Credits: 15.00

Practice management 700 (FMX 700) - Credits: 15.00

Philosophy and principles of family medicine 700 (HAK 700) - Credits: 15.00

Clinical primary care 700 (PCC 700) - Credits: 15.00

Community-orientated primary care 700 (PCP 700) - Credits: 15.00

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.