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# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!

The primary purpose of this diploma is to enable working general practitioners to expand their knowledge and skills in Family Medicine and Primary Health Care. The programme aims to enhance the quality of general practice by capacitating primary care doctors to fulfil their roles as competent doctors, change agents, collaborative clinicians, capability builders, critical thinkers and community advocates in the future South African Primary Health Care System.

Using the philosophies and principles of Family Medicine, the programme will enable doctors to comprehensively manage common obstetric, paediatric, medical, surgical and psychiatric conditions and emergencies that present initially as undifferentiated problems. The diploma will serve to consolidate and deepen a doctor's understanding of theoretical concepts and mastery of essential generalist skills.

### COURSE CONTENT AND DURATION

- The duration of the diploma is 2 years incorporating a modularized curriculum.
- The teaching philosophy underpinning the program is adult, self-directed learning with a blended approach involving minimal campus based teaching, web based teaching and workplace based peer learning. The teaching is based around problems encountered in practice and participants will be encouraged to "discover" best practice through facilitative learning.

### ELIGIBILITY

- A recognised MBChB degree and registration with the HPCSA as a medical practitioner.
- Candidates will be required to be practising in an ambulatory patient setting for the duration of the programme.
- Applicants will be required to submit a letter of motivation which will be used in the selection process.

### ASSESSMENT

Each module will be assessed individually through a Formative component comprising a portfolio of learning and an end of module Summative component comprising of a written and clinical (OSCE) examination.

*Applicants must submit a completed application form, curriculum vitae and a letter of motivation.*

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