

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Programme Description

The curriculum is outcomes-based and follows a student-centred approach. It is a one-year programme, which consists of theoretical and clinical components.

Programme Content

Foundations of Professional Practice (incl. End-user computing)
Anatomy
Physiology
Physics
Chemistry
Mental health and Wellness
Emergency Medical Care 1 Theory
Emergency Medical Care 1 Practical
Emergency Medical Care 1 Clinical Practice

Admission Requirements

An applicant must comply with either points 1, 2 or 3.

1. Applicant with Senior Certificate (before 2009) with University exemption, or its equivalent (NQF level 4) and at least an E symbol on Higher Grade or a D symbol on Standard Grade pass for all of the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Physical science and/or Biology

2. Applicants with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a Higher Certificate endorsement must have the following subjects at NQF level 4 and rating codes as stipulated:

- English (code 3)
- Mathematics (3) or Mathematical Literacy (6)
- Life Science (3) and/or Physical Science (3)
- Additional Subject 1 (code 3)
- Additional Subject 2 (code 3)

The applicant must have a *minimum of 15 points (18 points if Maths Literacy applies)* which excludes Life Orientation

3. Applicants with a National Certificate (Vocational) must have achieved a minimum of 60% for all of the following subjects at NQF level 4:

- English
- Mathematics
- Life Science and/or Physical Science

A minimum of 40 hours of voluntary duties in Emergency Medical Services is recommended.

Applicants must pass the medical and physical fitness evaluations to be considered for the course (medical and fitness evaluation guidelines will be available on the Mediclinic website).

Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants, who do not meet the minimum entry requirements but have healthcare-related experience, can apply for access to the programme via RPL. The RPL applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

Have a valid Matric (grade 12) with admission to Higher Certificate OR equivalent with 50% average OR in the case of an old senior certificate: D-aggregate (950 marks)

Be 25 years and older

Be registered as a Basic Ambulance Assistant (BAA) OR Ambulance Emergency Assistant (AEA) with the HPCSA

Have a minimum of 5 years of operational experience

Be currently employed by an Emergency Medical Service

Write and pass both a theory and clinical assessment.

Programme Outcomes

Equip graduates to provide emergency medical care within the Emergency Care Assistant scope of practice within a wide range of emergency medical service environment settings.

Graduates can register with the HPCSA as an Emergency Care assistant.

Programme Duration

12 Months

Target Group

Grade 12 Students

Existing Emergency Care Personnel

Format of Tuition

Teaching is outcome-based in the form of full-time contact sessions, using problem solving and self-study in health care settings. Training is accompanied by professional personnel, in simulated and real clinical settings. The medium of teaching is English.

Language of Instruction

English

Eligible candidates will be invited to participate in an interview, medical and fitness assessments as part of the selection process.

Programme Timetable

Invitation for Applications	Application date	Commencement of Programme
N/A	1 May – 30 June	January

Applications process:

Visit Mediclinic website at: www.mediclinic.co.za

The following will be required as soon as the application system opens:

- Concise CV
- Certified copy of grade 12 certificate or grade 11 academic results
- Certified copy of the front page of the applicant's ID book
- Proof of payment of the non-refundable application fee

Rules and Requirements

- Students must have an average mark of 50% for each subject to gain entrance to the final examination.
- Competency must be achieved in all formative and summative practical, fitness, and clinical assessments.
- A final mark of 50% per module/subject is required to pass each year.
- Students will need to fulfil all requirements to complete each study year and obtain the final qualification.
- A supplementary theoretical and clinical examination will be granted (provided the student meets the criteria).
- Students may maintain credit for certain theoretical modules should they fail a year. It is important to note that the Emergency Medical Care modules are co-requisites for progression to the next year of study and therefore should the student fail one of these modules they will be required to repeat all three. In the case where a student fails a non-clinical module, the student will be required to maintain clinical proficiency through the completion of clinical practice shifts each month.
- Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd will place students for the clinical component of the programme.
- Students may not work permanent night duty during the programme.
- Twelve (12) days of sick leave will be granted per year (upon receipt of a valid medical certificate).
- Leave will be granted according to the academic programme.
- Clinical accompaniment is provided by educators, doctors, registered nurses, and registered emergency care personnel.

The student must provide:

- Evidence of clinical competence
- Submit a complete portfolio of evidence

Institution

Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Private Higher Education Institution

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Fees and Funding

Mediclinic Higher Education determines the fees annually. The fees (including uniforms) are subject to change and are published on the Mediclinic website. A registration fee of 50% of the total annual fee is required. The second payment of 50% is due by the end of June. No student will be allowed to progress to the following study year if there are any outstanding fees.

Mediclinic and/or ER24 will allocate a certain number of bursaries each year.

Bursary students will also be provided with a stipend to assist with living expenses, though students are expected to arrange their own accommodation and transportation to and from the various clinical facilities.

Students are responsible for the cost of prescribed and recommended books. Other institutions requesting training for their employees will be invoiced prior to programme commencement.

Contract

Students will be expected to sign a contract with Mediclinic; bursary students will have to work back a period equal to the length of the programme on successful completion. If a bursary student does not complete the programme successfully, he/she will be liable for the programme costs and administration costs.

Student information will be shared with legislative bodies and be used for BBBEE purposes.

Code of Conduct

All students are subject to the Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd grievance procedures and the disciplinary code that governs workplace conduct.

Student Support Services Support Facilities

Library, computer room, simulation room, anatomy dry lab, fitness facility.

Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd is a registered company operating in the private healthcare industry. Company registration number 1969/009218/07. Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training until 31 December 2023 as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997. Registration certificate no. 2008/HE07/006

The programme, Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care, is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

Support Services

An academic support system is in place, which includes assisting with study methods, as well as assisting students that require professional counselling. An Incon clinic is also available at the hospitals where students are referred if professional counselling or medical attention is required.

We have policies and procedures in place to deal with student disabilities and grievances.

Industry requirements require graduates to possess a valid Code 8 drivers licence and professional driving permit to carry passengers (Required to be 21 years of age) to obtain employment.

Complaints and disability

We have student complaint and disability policies and procedures in place to deal with student complaints and disabilities.

The programme is available at the following registered Mediclinic Learning Centres:

Cape Region		Clinical placement
Tijgerpark 1 Willie van Schoor Drive Bellville Western Cape 7530	Tel: (021) 943 6000 Learning Centre Manager: Johann Olivier (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals Durbanville, Milnerton, Panorama, Vergelegen, Cape Gate Pre-hospital: ER24 Intercare: Blaauwberg Western Cape Government College of Emergency Care: Provincial emergency medical services Western Cape Department of Health: Khayelitsha Site-B Clinic

Names and Qualifications of Academic Staff

Name	Learning Centre Location	Qualifications:		Full Time	Part Time
		Registered Paramedic / Professional Nurse*	Education		
Wills, R	Cape	✓		✓	
Venter, T	Cape	✓		✓	
Boreham, E	Cape	✓		✓	
Lemley, J	Cape	✓		✓	
Lemley, N	Cape	✓		✓	
Woodborne, L	Cape				✓
Le Grange, R	Cape				✓
Olivier, J	Cape	✓	✓	✓	

