

DIPLOMA IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Programme Description

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

Programme Content:

First Year	Mental Health and Wellness Foundations of Professional Practice Anatomy Physiology Integrated Sciences (Chemistry) Integrated Sciences (Physics) Emergency Medical Care 1 Theory Emergency Medical Care 1 Practical Emergency Medical Care 1 Clinical Practice
Second Year	Primary Health Care Emergency Medical Care 2 Theory Emergency Medical Care 2 Practical Emergency Medical Care 2 Clinical Practice Rescue (High Angle Rescue, Light Motor Vehicle Rescue & Fire Search, and Rescue)

Admission Requirements

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

- The applicant with a Senior Certificate (Before 2008) with University exemption or its equivalent (NQF level 4) with the following subjects:
 - Grade 12 with an aggregate of 950 marks or higher
 - English (min HG symbol D or SG symbol C)
 - Mathematics (min HG symbol E or SG symbol D)
 - Life Science (Biology) (min HG symbol D or SG symbol C)
 - Physical Science (min HG symbol E or SG symbol D)
- OR
- The applicant with a National Senior Certificate with a Diploma Endorsement must have the following subjects and rating codes:
 - Mathematics (3)
 - English (4)
 - Physical Science (3)
 - Life Science (Biology) (4)
 - A minimum of 23 points for six subjects, which excludes Life Orientation

OR

Programme Outcomes

To graduate students who are equipped with the skills to render lifesaving emergency care to critically ill or injured patients. Graduates will exit with an Advanced Life Support qualification and be able to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a Paramedic.

Programme Duration

24 Months

Target Group

Grade 12 Students
Existing Emergency Care Personnel

Format of Tuition

Teaching is outcome-based, incorporating full-time contact sessions that utilise problem-solving and self-study in healthcare settings. Training is accompanied by professional personnel in simulated and actual clinical settings. The medium of teaching is English.

Language of Instruction

English

Fees and Funding

Mediclinic Higher Education determines the fees. The fees are subject to change and are published on the Mediclinic website. The study fee payment structure is as follows: 25% of the total annual fees is required before the commencement of the programme. A second payment of 25% is due by the end of March. The full balance is due by June 30.

A candidate will not be allowed to commence with the programme if the registration fee is not paid in full. No student will be allowed to progress to

3. National Certificate (Vocational), must have achieved a minimum pass for the following subjects at NQF level 4:
- English (5)
 - Life Science (Biology) (5)
 - Physical Science (4)
 - Mathematics (4)
 - Minimum 26 points for six subjects, which excludes Life Orientation

The applicant must have a *minimum of 26 points*, which excludes Life Orientation.

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

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

Applicants who do not meet the minimum entry requirements but have relevant healthcare experience can apply for access to the Diploma programme through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

The RPL applicant has to meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have a valid Matric (grade 12) with admission to a diploma or equivalent APS score (as indicated above), average or old senior certificate with an aggregate of 950 marks and higher, with the compulsory subjects
- Be 25 years or older
- Be a registered 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 the theory and clinical assessments

the following study year if there are any outstanding fees.

A certain number of bursaries will be allocated by Mediclinic and/or ER24 each year.

Bursary students will also receive a stipend to support their living expenses. However, students are expected to arrange their accommodation and transportation to and from the various clinical facilities. Bursary students will also receive a stipend to support their living expenses. However, students are expected to arrange their accommodation and transportation to and from the various clinical facilities. Students are responsible for the cost of any prescribed and recommended books. Other institutions requesting training for their employees will be invoiced before the programme commencement.

Programme Timetable

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

Applications process:

Visit the 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;
- A 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% in each subject to be eligible for the final examination.
- Competency must be achieved in all formative and summative practical, fitness, and clinical assessments.
- A final mark of 50% per 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 specified criteria.

Contract

Students will be expected to sign a contract with Mediclinic; bursary students will be required to work back a period equal to the length of the programme upon 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 used for BBBEE purposes.

Code of Conduct

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

- Students may maintain credit for specific theoretical modules should they fail a year. It is essential to note that the Emergency Medical Care modules are prerequisites for progression to the next year of study. Therefore, if a student fails one of these modules, they will be required to repeat all three. If a student fails a non-clinical module, they will be required to maintain clinical proficiency by completing clinical practice shifts on a monthly basis.
- Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd will place students for the clinical component of the programme.
- Students are not permitted to 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 in accordance with the academic programme.
- Clinical accompaniment is provided by educators, doctors, general and professional nurses, and registered advanced life support paramedics.

The student must provide:

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

Mission Statement

Our mission is:

- To deliver measurable training outcomes, governed by sound educational principles, and evidence-based practice while adhering to legislation and quality standards
- To contribute to the development of skills relevant to healthcare service delivery nationally

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

Student Support Services

Support Facilities

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

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An academic support system is in place, which includes assisting students with study methods and providing professional counselling to those who require it. An Incon clinic is also available at the hospitals where students are referred if professional counselling or medical attention is needed.

We have established policies and procedures to address student disabilities and grievances.

Industry requirements require graduates to possess a valid Code 8 driver's 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 Centre:

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: Cape Gate, Durbanville, Louis Leipoldt, Milnerton, Panorama, Worcester Intercare Clinics: Blaauwberg Pre-hospital: ER24 Western Cape Government College of Emergency Care: Provincial emergency medical services. Western Cape Department of Health: Site-B Clinic Khayelitsha

Names and Qualifications of Academic Staff

Name	Learning Centre Location	Qualifications:		Full Time	Part-Time
		Registered Paramedic	Education		
Wills, R	Cape	✓		✓	
Boreham, E	Cape	✓		✓	
Lemley, J	Cape	✓		✓	
Lemley, N	Cape	✓		✓	
Woodborne, L	Cape				✓
Le Grange, R	Cape				✓
Olivier, J	Cape		✓	✓	
Gale, D	Cape	✓		✓	