

# 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

- The applicant with a Senior Certificate (Before 2008) must have at least a minimum of an E symbol on Higher Grade or a D symbol on Standard Grade pass for all of the following subjects:
  - English (min HG symbol D or SG symbol C);
  - Mathematics (min HG symbol E or SG symbol D);
  - Biology and/or Physical Sciences (min HG symbol E or SG symbol D).

OR

- The applicant with a National Senior Certificate with a Higher Certificate Endorsement must have the following subjects and rating codes:
  - English (4);
  - Mathematics (3) or Mathematical Literacy (6);
  - Life Sciences (3) and/or Physical Science (3);
  - The applicant must have a minimum of 19 points (22 points if Mathematical Literacy is applicable), excluding Life Orientation.

OR

- National Certificate (Vocational) must have achieved the minimum codes, as indicated for the following subjects:
  - English (5);
  - Mathematics (4) or Mathematics Literacy (7);
  - Life Sciences and/or Physical Sciences (4);

The candidates must have a minimum of 24 points (27 points if Mathematical Literacy is applicable), excluding Life Orientation.

## Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants who do not meet the minimum entry requirements but have relevant healthcare experience can apply for access to the programme via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). The RPL applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

Have a valid Matric (Grade 12) with admission to a Higher Certificate or equivalent, with an APS score as indicated. Alternatively, in the case of an old senior certificate, a D aggregate (950 marks).

Be 25 years old 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. Currently employed by an Emergency Medical Service.

Pass both a theory and clinical assessment.

## Programme Outcomes

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

Graduates can register with the HPCSA as Emergency Care Assistant.

## Programme Duration

12 Months

## Target Group

Grade 12 Students

Existing Emergency Care Personnel

## Format of Tuition

Teaching is outcome-based, conducted through full-time contact sessions that utilise problem-solving and self-study in healthcare settings.

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.

Eligible candidates will be invited to participate in an interview, which will include 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 Higher Certificate 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 higher certificate or equivalent with an APS score as indicated above, or an old senior certificate with an aggregate of 950 marks or higher with the compulsory subjects;
- Be 25 years and older;
- Be a registered 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.
- Pass the theory and clinical assessments.

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 the end of June.

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 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 receive a stipend to help cover living expenses. However, students are expected to arrange their accommodation and transportation to and from the various clinical facilities.

## Programme Timetable

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

## Application process:

Visit the Mediclinic website at: [www.mediclinic.co.za](http://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% 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 module/subject is required to pass each year.

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

### 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.

- 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.
- 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. In the event that a student fails a non-clinical module, they will be required to maintain clinical proficiency by completing clinical practice shifts each month.
- 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, registered nurses, and registered emergency care personnel.

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

## Institution

### Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Private Higher Education Institution

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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 2025 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).

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

### Code of Conduct

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

### Student Support Services

#### Support Facilities

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

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An academic support system is in place, which includes assisting students with study methods and helping those who require professional counselling. 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 Centres:

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

### Names and Qualifications of Academic Staff

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