

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACUPUNCTURE

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Postgraduate Diploma in Acupuncture is to provide existing health care professionals with knowledge of the principles, practice and safety issues of the use of acupuncture techniques. The qualifying graduate will be able to competently apply and integrate clinical approaches that optimise the use of the various employed techniques in acupuncture therapeutics; incorporate acupuncture as a treatment modality in their practice as clinically indicated; and be able to integrate modern medical science and acupuncture diagnostics and therapeutics to improve patient care and satisfaction. The graduate will be eligible to register with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) as an acupuncture therapist.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must be a registered health care professional with the AHPCSA or Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and provide a motivation for applying for the programme.

**The minimum admission requirement is one of the following:** Master of Technology (M. Tech) Homoeopathy, M.Tech Chiropractic, Bachelor of Medicine or Bachelor of surgery (MBChB), Bachelor in Physiotherapy, Double Bachelors from the University of the Western Cape (UWC) (BSc Complementary Health Science plus a Bachelor's degree in one of the following: Phytotherapy, Naturopathy, or Unani-Tibb). Applications from persons with an equivalent qualification will be considered by a constituted status committee in line with the University's and Faculty's regulations.

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PHYTOTHERAPY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this qualification is to provide existing health care practitioners with a knowledge of the properties, desired effects and safety issues of Western herbal medicines. The qualifying graduate will be able to competently apply and integrate the relevant knowledge, skills and competencies to manage and treat patients effectively. The graduate will also be a team player capable of working in multidisciplinary teams to promote the profession. This qualification promotes the principles of lifelong learning and provides a qualification that can enhance a healthcare practitioner's career. The graduate will be eligible to register with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) as a phytotherapist.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must be a registered practitioner with the AHPCSA or Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and provide a motivation for applying for the programme. **The minimum admission requirement is one of the following:** Master of Technology (M. Tech): Homoeopathy or the Masters of Health Sciences in Complementary Medicine (MHSc CM) (Homeopathy), an Equivalent

qualification in a relevant field, e.g. M. Tech Chiropractic, Bachelor of Medicine or Bachelor of surgery (MB ChB), Double Bachelors from the University of the Western Cape (UWC) (BSc Complementary Health Science plus a Bachelor's degree in one of the following: Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, Naturopathy, or Unani-Tibb). Applications from persons with an equivalent qualification will be considered by a constituted status committee in line with the University's and Faculty's regulations.