Dear Prospective Applicant

Please find below information relevant to the application, selection and registration process for the 2016 University of Johannesburg (UJ) Emergency Care Technician (ECT) Bridging Programme. On passing this one-year long Bridging Programme, candidates are eligible to enter the third-year of the Bachelor of Health Sciences in Emergency Medical Care (BHS EMC) degree.

The Bridging Programme is accessible to those ECTs who have practiced in an operational environment for more than one year.

This correspondence will provide you with an outline of how the application and selection process is conducted by the UJ.

1. The starting point in the process is for you to formally apply. To do this you need to provide fully completed documentation as per the list below to the UJ Faculty of Health Sciences Short Learning Programme (SLP) office. Ms Deidre Guilo is the manager of the SLP office and can be contacted on (011) 559-6235 or emailed at deidres@uj.ac.za should you require assistance or clarity about what to do. Your paperwork needs to be submitted to Ms Guilo on or before the 25th of January 2016. Please note that the Bridging Programme is oversubscribed and the UJ only has 12 places. For this reason incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Also: If the programme is not able to enroll a minimum of four (4) students, the programme will not be offered in 2016.

2. Documents required (without exception):

   a) Completed, in full, the UJ application form – please ensure that your email address is clearly legible.

   b) A certified copy of your ECT qualification.

   c) An academic record signed and stamped by the institution where you obtained your ECT qualification showing your results for each of the modules / subjects in the ECT Programme.

   d) A Letter of Motivation from your current employer indicating they support your application and agree to give you the required time off work to attend theoretical classes and practical sessions – individuals applying in a private capacity will need to indicate this on the application form.

   e) A copy of your Grade 12 certificate.

   f) A certificate of good health from a registered medical practitioner.

   g) A written motivation (no longer than 2 pages) indicating why it is you feel you should be one of the 12 students selected for the 2016 programme. In your motivation, please also include the names and contact numbers of at least two (2) character references. One of these referees must be able to provide details on the area where you worked for more than one year in an operational environment.

   h) A copy of your Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) registration card showing current registration as an ECT.
3. On or before the 27th of January 2016 those persons eligible for selection will be informed that they are to report to the UJ to write an entrance test.

4. The entrance test will be written on the 01st of February (Monday) 2016 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The scope of the entrance test includes all aspects related to clinical practice at the level of an ECT. Please note that this may include the theoretical underpinnings associated with the qualification.

5. On the 4th of February 2016 (Thursday) there will be an interview for the top 20 applicants based on the results of the entrance test that was written on the 01st of February. The time and venue will be communicated to those 20 applicants.

6. On 5 February 2016 (Friday) there will be a physical fitness and swimming assessment for the 20 applicants selected for the interview.

7. After the physical, applicants will be notified of the outcome of their selection.

8. Please note that applicants who have not completed the rescue elective of the ECT programme i.e. High Angle I, Fire Search & Rescue and Light Motor Vehicle Rescue will be required to do so prior to being selected for the UJ ECT Bridging Programme.

9. In addition to the above, persons applying for the Bridging Programme are to please note the following:

a) The 12 successful Bridging Programme students will be registered for the Bridging Programme via the SLP office in February 2016.

b) Classes commence on the 8th of February 2016.

c) Classes take place at the Doornfontein Campus, in Doornfontein Johannesburg.

d) The timetable is still being finalised, but the Bridging Programme will involve three days/per week of contact time (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday). Bridging Programme modules include Basic Sciences Physics, Basic Sciences Chemistry, Physiology, General Pathology, Emergency Medical Care Theory, Emergency Medical Care Practical and Diagnostics.

e) Once registered on the Bridging Programme, students may apply for the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for modules via the UJ RPL Policy where applicable. Please note that the ECT modules/subjects do not qualify for RPL towards the Bridging Programme modules as this is the purpose of the Bridging Programme.

f) Class attendance (theoretical and practical sessions) at the University of Johannesburg is compulsory as per University regulations.

g) Uniform requirements will be communicated to the successful applicants.

h) The cost of the Bridging Programme is R37 000.00 which includes facility fees, student levies and tuition fees. This does not include textbooks.

i.) Credits (passed modules) are not retained if the Bridging Programme is repeated; all modules must be passed in the same academic year.

Regards

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