

# DISPENSING COURSE FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS 2023



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## Pharmacy Training and Development Project (PTDP) School of Pharmacy

*The mission of the School of Pharmacy is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Southern Africa through innovative pharmacy-related learning programmes, research and support services*

### INTRODUCTION

In terms of the **Medicines and Related Substances Control Act as amended**, Health Care Professionals who wish to dispense medicines at their practices or clinics are required to apply for a licence from the Department of Health authorizing them to do so. One of the requirements for obtaining a licence is the successful completion of a South African Pharmacy Council accredited dispensing course.

The dispensing Course is for doctors and registered nurses. There is **no closing date** for applications; prospective candidates can choose a convenient starting date for them.

### DURATION OF COURSE

The **dispensing course cut-off date** is nine (9) months after the enrolment date. Should this period lapse, the candidate may re-enroll for 3 months at an additional fee.

Ultimately, it depends on the candidate, as this is a self-learning course, maximum duration 9 months.



### ACCREDITATION

The **PTDP Dispensing Course** is an accredited provider of this Short course in dispensing with the South African Pharmacy Council.

#### CPD FOR MEDICAL DOCTORS

Clinical A002/004/09/2003 Cat 3 – 14 Points

Ethics A002/005/09/2003 – 1 Point

Total: **15 Points** Credits: **30**

### COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of five sections:

1. Evaluate the prescription and access patient profile
2. Prepare and dispense the prescription
3. Hand medicine to patients and give appropriate advice and warnings
4. Maintain professional dispensing records
5. Manage the procurement and storage of medicines

Each section consists of a number of sub-sections, the titles of which are written as learning objectives to reinforce the active learning method of the course and exercises/activities which make up the Portfolio of Evidence (POE).



### COURSE DELIVERY

The course is presented as a distance, self-learning package with EITHER an online track or a contact in-person track.

#### ONLINE (DISTANCE) TRACK

1. Learning activities compiled as a manual – Portfolio of Evidence (POE)
2. Compulsory online Formative Assessment (FA)
3. Compulsory online workshop (ALL candidates to attend - one workshop included in the course fee).
4. Final online Summative Assessment (SA).

#### CONTACT (IN-PERSON) TRACK (Candidates who cannot meet the requirements for online track)

1. Learning activities compiled as a manual – Portfolio of Evidence (POE)
2. Compulsory paper-based Formative Assessment (FA)
3. Compulsory contact workshop
4. Final contact Summative Assessment (SA).

### CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

#### Medical Doctors:

- A person who has obtained a Bachelor of Medicine at a university and is registered as such with HPCSA; and
- Completed compulsory Internship and Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

#### Registered Nurses:

- A person who has completed a Diploma in Nursing (three-years) or a Bachelor of Nursing (four-years) at a university and is registered as such with SANC
- Completed compulsory Community Service for health professionals as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974)

### COURSE FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)

Online track (Nationwide) – **R3200,00**

Contact In-person track (Pretoria only) – **R4900,00**

Fees include a comprehensive study package/ePackage supplied upon receipt of full payment.

\*Discounts are available for organizations wishing to enroll a number of candidates. Contact office for further information and quotation.

\*\* Special requests to be handled separately at an individualized costing structure

### REGISTRATION

To enroll for the course, please send an email to the contacts below and attach the following:

- Complete application form
- Copy of ID/Passport
- Copy of SANC/HPCSA card
- Proof of payment which includes "Your NAME + C008" as the reference. NB!

Applicable course fee must be deposited into the following bank account:

#### Standard Bank

Branch: 051001 (Thibault Square)

A/C Name: SEFAKO MAKGATHO UNIVERSITY

A/C No: 070754128

### CONTACT US FOR REGISTRATIONS

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