



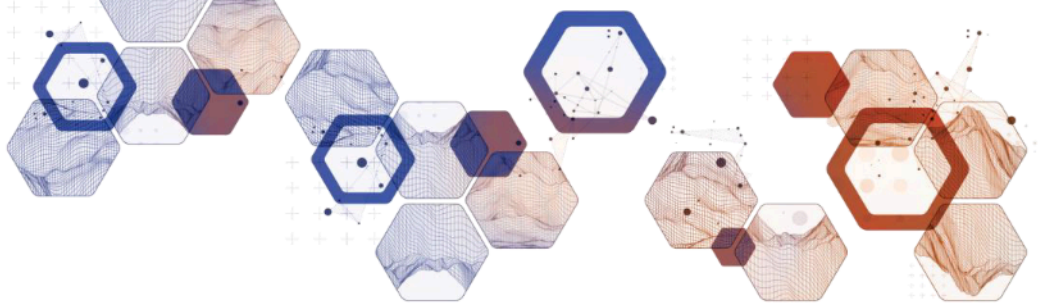
**SEFAKO MAKGATHO
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

**SHORT COURSE:
DISPENSING COURSE FOR
HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS**







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 license from the Department of Health authorizing them to do so. One of the requirements for obtaining a license is the successful completion of a South African Pharmacy Council accredited dispensing course.

The dispensing course is aimed at doctors, nurses and dentists. There is **no closing date** for applications; prospective candidates can choose a convenient starting date.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Medical Doctors:

An applicant must:

- Hold a Bachelor of Medicine (MBChB) from a recognised university.
- Be registered as a Medical Practitioner with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).
- Have completed compulsory Internship and Community Service for health professionals, as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974).

Registered Nurses:

An applicant must:

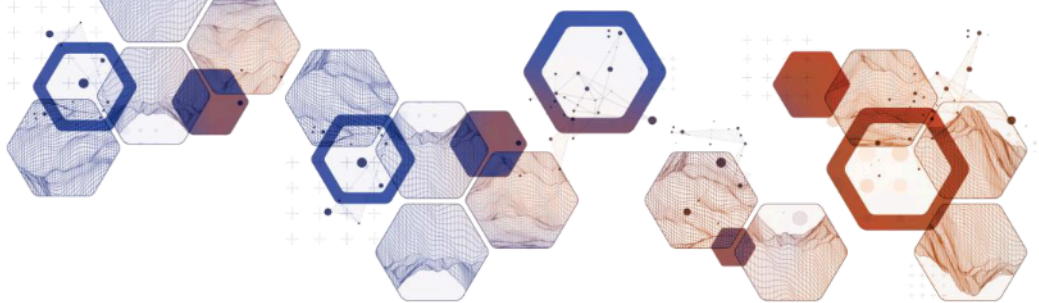
- Have completed a Diploma in Nursing (three years) or a Bachelor of Nursing (four years) at a recognised institution.
- Be registered as a Professional Nurse with the South African Nursing Council (SANC).
- Have completed compulsory Community Service for health professionals, as governed by the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act 56 of 1974).

Dentists:

An applicant must:

- Be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).
- Have prescribing authority within their approved scope of practice.

Please note that this dispensing licence is not available to Nursing Auxiliaries, Enrolled Nurses, or Community Service Practitioners.



COURSE STRUCTURE AND 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 several 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).

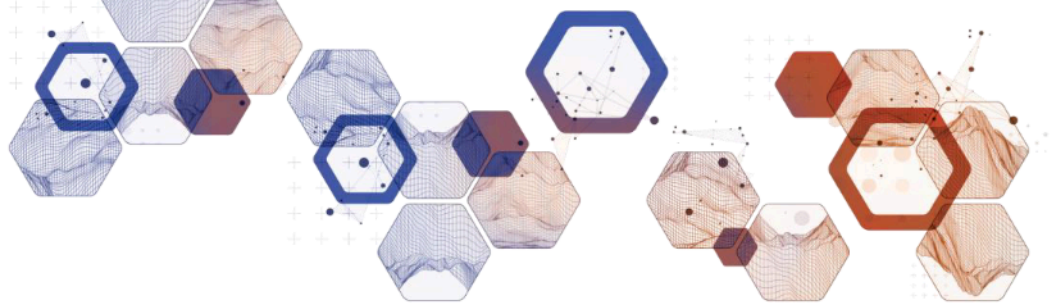
CONTACT (IN-PERSON) TRACK (Candidates who cannot meet the requirements for online track)

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).

ACCREDITATION

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University is the accredited provider of the **Dispensing Course** by 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**

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