



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Disorders of childhood 481 (GNK 481)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	31.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery [MBChB]
Prerequisites	GNK 381,GNK 383,BOK 380,GNK 386,GPS 380,BOK 382,GNK 488,SMO 311,SMO 380,SMO 382 Fourth year academic status.
Contact time	6 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Paediatrics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module is designed to help students gain knowledge, skills and attitudes in order to understand and respond to the special needs and vulnerability of children in relation to development, nutrition, environment and adaptation; recognise by means of history and examination, common and important abnormalities of development, nutrition, environment and adaptation and be able to deal with them effectively; recognise by means of history and examination, common and important health problems of infancy and childhood and be able to deal with them effectively.

The mornings are devoted to direct contact with paediatric patients and their problems by means of small-group activities at a variety of experimental learning sites.

The afternoon periods are used for representative case studies with regard to a series of general or important themes, illustrated by multidisciplinary symposia, lectures, problem-solving exercises and self-tuition.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.



Regulations, degree requirements and information

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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