

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

**CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY TRAINING
TIME TOWARD MONO SPECIALS DISCIPLINES**

REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF TRAINING TIME TOWARDS SPECIALIZATION

1. A specialist intern is a person training to specialize in any of the 3 subdisciplines of the Clinical Pathology discipline; namely Chemical Pathology, Haematology and Medical Microbiology, following being qualified in Clinical Pathology.
2. A specialist student technician is a person training to specialize in any of the 3 subdisciplines of Clinical Pathology discipline; namely Chemical Pathology, Haematology and Microbiology, following being qualified in Clinical Pathology.
3. Training may only take place in an HPCSA approved training laboratory offering the mono discipline the practitioner wishes to register in. Approval is awarded by the Professional Board of Medical Technology through the committee for Education Training and Registration.
4. A specialist intern is required to spend a minimum duration of education and training in an HPCSA approved training laboratory under supervision of the supervisor/trainer independent practice, qualified in a similar mono-discipline, in a laboratory offering the required mono discipline.
5. A specialist student technician is required to spend a minimum duration of education and training in an HPCSA approved training laboratory under supervision of the supervisor/trainer in independent practice, qualified in a similar mono-discipline, in a laboratory offering the required mono discipline.

RECOGNITION OF TRAINING TIME TOWARD MONO SPECIALS DISCIPLINES

- 1) **Recognition of** up to 4- and 6-months **training time** towards a second discipline of mono specialization in Chemical Pathology, Haematology or Medical Microbiology for the practitioners registered in Clinical Pathology may be considered under the following conditions:
 - a. Training time being spent in the relevant discipline in an HPCSA approved training laboratory.
- 2) **Criteria for the recognition of training time in clinical pathology:**
 - a. The practitioner must currently be registered in the category of Clinical Pathology as a qualified Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Technician.
 - b. Time to be recognized as training time for the purpose of specialist training must take place in an institution that is approved by the HPCSA for specialist training.

- c. For interns, 4 months internship training term may be recognized, provided that the practitioner applies for recognition of clinical pathology training time at least 1 (one) year post examination qualification.
 - d. For student technicians, 6 months student training term may be recognized, provided that the practitioner applies for recognition of clinical pathology training time at least 1 (one) year post examination qualification.
 - e. (i) The Clinical Pathology qualified applicant has to have been operating in the laboratory of the mono-discipline they wish to specialize in for a minimum of 4 (four) consecutive months. OR

(ii) The Clinical Pathology qualified applicant has to have 2(two) years or less since being registered as a Clinical Pathology practitioner, if they are not already operating in the laboratory they wish to specialize in.
 - f. The practitioner must apply for Internship or studentship with the HPCSA.
 - g. A learning plan and an undertaking from the trainer/supervisor must accompany the application form.
- 3) A specialist intern is required to:
- a. train for 8 (min 34 weeks) uninterrupted months following the approved application for the second discipline. Interrupted training must be extended to complete the 8 months.
 - b. submit a report from the trainer/supervisor with supporting documents (i.e., logbook/portfolio, continuous assessment report, and/or other supporting documents) must accompany the application to be registered
- 4) A specialist student technician is required to:
- a. train for 12 (min 52 weeks) uninterrupted months following the approved application for the second discipline. Interrupted training must be extended to complete the 12 months.
 - b. submit a report from the trainer/supervisor with supporting documents (i.e., logbook/portfolio, continuous assessment report, and/or other supporting documents) must accompany the application to be registered.
- 5) The practitioner, during their specialization training may perform the duties of a qualified practitioner under the category Clinical Pathology, only within the mono-discipline they are training in. A letter from the employer confirming the support of the intern/student to avoid over application on bench requirements will be required should the committee deem it necessary.
- 6) It must be understood that all applications will be considered on their individual merits with the above mentioned as a guide.

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