



Course Programme

Division of Occupational Therapy

The Provision of Expert Opinion & Evidence as a Health Professional

presented by Burns-Hoffman Consulting

Monday 20th to Friday 24th November 2017

UCT Faculty of Health Sciences

(09h00 to 17h00)



Day	Venue	Time	Topic	Presenter
Monday 20 th	Mac Club, Level 2, Barnard Fuller Building	08h30 - 09h00	Registration	
			Module one¹	
		09h00 – 17h00	Business focus, structure, principles and practice This day seminar will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying areas of business focus; - strategic and business planning; - basic business principles; - business and tax structures; - general business management matters. 	Elise Burns-Hoffman Occupational Therapist Sue Norton Financial Manager BH Consulting
Tuesday 21 st	Mac Club, Level 2, Barnard Fuller Building		Module two²	
		09h00 - 12h30	The Constitution This lecture session will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an overview of the Constitution of South Africa; - understanding the role of the Constitution in our law; - the importance of understanding the Bill of Rights as a health professional; - consideration of the role of constitutional damages in litigation matters. 	Paul Hoffman SC
		<i>Lunch (1 hour 30 minutes)</i>		
		14h00 - 17h00	The Law of Contract This lecture session will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understanding the purpose of contract; - an overview of different types of contract; - contract wording and interpretation; - when a contract is deemed to be in place; - the meaning of contractual performance; - the role of contract in general terms, as a health professional and in matters of dispute; - identifying a conflict of interest; 	Ms Nuku Van Coller Legal Consultant - Alternative Dispute Resolution

¹ This has been separated out as a potential stand-alone module in the form of a one day seminar. No certification will be provided for the one day seminar and it will not enjoy CPD accreditation. Certification will only be provided for the attendance of the full course, as will be CPD points.

² All lecture sessions include active participation; the completion of practical in-training exercises; role play and or break-away 'working' group sessions.



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			- contractual challenges.		
Wednesday 22nd	Dumo Baqwa Level 1, Barnard Fuller Building	09h00 – 12h30	<p>The Law of Delict</p> <p>This lecture session will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an overview of the Law of Delict; - gathering an understanding of the basic elements of conduct, wrongfulness, fault, causation and damage; - understanding the role of the health professional in the determination of damages; - practical examples of ‘good’ versus ‘poor’ performance as a health professional in relevant matters; - Case Law. 	Adv Christopher Shone	
		<i>Lunch (1 hour 30 minutes)</i>			
		14h00 - 17h00	<p>The civil and criminal legal procedure</p> <p>This lecture session will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an overview of the SA justice system and getting access to justice via our courts; - the practical differences between a civil and criminal matter; - the incidence and nature of onus of proof; - understanding the court process from the time of the commencement of a matter until its end point; - the role of the expert (health professional) in court matters; - what is expected of an expert (health professional) by the court(s); - practical examples and Case Law. 	The Honourable Mr Justice Ian Farlam	



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Thursday 23rd	Mac Club, Level 2, Barnard Fuller Building	09h00 – 17h00	Expert witness training, including aspects of Law of Evidence	Jannie van der Merwe SC
			<p>The objective of the day is to ensure that health professionals engaging in the provision of factual information and professional opinion fully appreciate their role; gain insight into their conduct and understand the necessary professional boundaries required in their specific field of expertise.</p> <p>The day will include a combination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - highlighting important aspects of the Law of Evidence; - advising on the ‘do’s and do not’s’ as an expert (health professional); - understanding the presentation of evidence; - learning how to conduct oneself as an expert – pre and during court; - practical role playing with regard to the provision evidence - be this in court or in another kind of hearing. 	
Friday 24th	Dumo Baqwa Level 1, Barnard Fuller Building	09h00 – 12h30	Professional report writing	Elise Burns-Hoffman
			<p>This half-day session will focus on assisting health professionals in the provision of reports with regard to report structure; language; terminology; content; appropriate focus; summary and conclusion.</p> <p>Peer review and discussion of training specific constructed reports will be included in the session.</p>	
		<i>Lunch (1 hour 30 minutes)</i>		
		14h00 – 17h00	<p>Participants will be assessed via a series of online multiple-choice questionnaires.</p> <p>A Certificate of Completion and CPD points will be awarded to successful candidates.</p>	

Venues

- MAC Club, Level 2 – Barnard Fuller Building
- Dumo Baqwa, Level 1 – Barnard Fuller Building