

COURSE OVERVIEW | ULTIMATE MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION: ALL ROUNDER

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Medical Receptionist

- Student Resources
- Student Resources Debt Recovery
- Introduction

Module 1. Customer Service

Module 2. Communication

- **■** Types of Communication
- Assertive Communication

Module 3. Listening Skills

- Telephone Etiquette
- Helpful Reminders on How to Improve your Listening Skills
- Voicemail Etiquette
- **■** Email Etiquette

Module 4. Dealing with Difficult Patients in a Practice

- What to do when Confronted by Difficult Patients
- How to Handle Rude or Impatient Callers
 - Assignment 1

Module 5. Medical Office Administration

= Appointment Scheduling and Diary Management

Module 6. Patient Notes and Records

- Medical Records
- Ownership and Transfer of Records
- Consent
- PAIA Act Requests for Access
- POPI Act
- In Summary
- Social Media

Module 7. Medical Terminology

= Abbreviations

Module 8. Billing Administration

- Patient Information and Medical Aid Details
- **■** Correct Coding part 1
- Correct Coding part 2

- Rules Regarding the Coding Structure
- Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB)

Module 9. Payments

- Medical Aid Payments
- Private Patients
- The Effect of Journals on your Month-End
- Credit Policy
- Billing and Payment Policies
 - Assignment 2

Module 10. Financial Administration

- The Ethical and Legal Aspects of Collecting Outstanding Accounts
- Ethical conduct towards Debtors
- Is it Ethical to Demand Upfront Payments?

Module 11. Age Analysis and Month-End

- Age Analysis
- Record Keeping and Documentation
- Month-End
 - Assignment 3

Module 12. Legal and Professional Responsibilities

- National Health Act
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Patients Constitutional Rights
- HIV Disclosure to a Sexual Partner
- Workman's Compensation
- Road Accident Fund

Module 13. Basic Conditions of Employment

- Integration into a Medical Practice
 - Assignment 4

Module 14. How to Avoid Bad Debt

Steps to take in your practice to avoid bad debt

Module 15. Collecting Debt

- Collection of Bad Debts
- Using Letters of Demands

Module 16. Pre-Legal Collections

- Procedures
 - Assignment 5

Module 17. Dealing with Difficult Debtors

■ Steps to follow

Module 18. Debtors Defences

- Prescription Rule
- In Duplum

Module 19. The Litigation Process

- **■** Introduction
- When to hand an account over to an Attorney
- An overview of the Litigation Process

Module 20. Debt Review, Admin Orders and Credit Bureau Listings

- Introduction
 - Assignment 6