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## **98% pass rate for UCT's MBChB grads**

### **Township student among top three in class of 171**

The graduating class of the MBChB degree programme for 2011 at the University of Cape Town has achieved a pass rate of 97.7 percent – including Vuyane Mhlomi from Khayelitsha, a township in Cape Town, who is graduating third in his class with an average in 2011 of 76.6 percent in his final year of study for the medical degree.

Mhlomi matriculated at Alexander Sinton Senior Secondary school in Athlone in 2006 and entered UCT with a matric score of 39 points (3 B symbols and 3 C symbols) – the minimum to be eligible for consideration for the MBChB degree. Despite coming from an educationally disadvantaged background, he completed the degree in the minimum time of six years.

The first and second places in the class were both achieved by women. Kate McMullen led with an average in 2011 of 78.4 percent in the final year, followed by Juanita Becker with 78.1 percent.

A total of 171 students will graduate with a medical degree on Monday, 12 December, at 10h00. Thirty-six students will graduate with distinction at the ceremony, compared with 10 in 2010. Fifty-five students achieved an average of 70 percent or more in their final year and 114 achieved an average of 60-69 percent. Students from other programmes in the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Faculty will also graduate at this ceremony. The Audiology programme had a 100% pass rate.

The pass rate for the MBChB degree at UCT for the last four years has remained well above 95 percent:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pass Rate</b>
2011	97.7%

2010 99.5%

2009 96.6%

2008 95.9%

The profile of the MBChB degree graduating class for December 2011:

**Profile of graduates  
MBChB Dec 2011**

White 54

Black: 51

Indian 34

Coloured 28

Unknown 4  
(chose not  
to declare  
race)

**Total 171**

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