

Question: I am a Physio/OT/Nurse. What if some of the workshops do not apply to me?

Answer: This series of workshops is part of a three-year training in medico-legal practice, designed to make you a more rounded medico-legal expert, able to understand and interact with all the other disciplines involved in medico-legal practice. To get the full benefit and recognition for the training, attendance of all workshops is essential.

You will find the Outcome and Framework document of the workshops on the SAMLA website. These show what the planned workshops are really about and what the relevance will be to various disciplines. For "Quantum experts", the relevance of the TBI workshop, for example, is stated as "to evaluate the factual and scientific bases, as well as the reasoning processes, of opposing neurosurgeons or neurologists who express differing opinions, and to form a reasoned view on which is the more natural and consistent with objective test findings and actual performance in the laboratory of life." We have had numerous requests from quantum experts on how to deal with the opinion of a medical specialist which is manifestly wrong and inconsistent with objective test findings. This, and other equally important issues will be dealt with in the workshops.

You are free to attend selected workshops of your choice. In that case you will receive the CPD points pertaining to the specific workshop as well as a certificate from UCT for attendance or completion of each workshop, will not qualify for the full course recognition.

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The purpose of SAMLA is to provide a platform for intellectual discourse between members of different disciplines in the medico-legal arena, and to provide high quality ethical training where a need exists.

The training offered by the SAMLA Faculty to date has been multidisciplinary. However, Physios, OTs and others have always been, and still are, welcome to form discipline-specific subgroups of SAMLA and/or of the SAMLA Faculty, and those subgroups may develop and provide discipline-specific training, but not in the current course.

We hope you will be inspired to join us and lift your career as a medico-legal expert to new heights.