

Discipline of Public Health Medicine

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INFORMATION MATERIAL: GRADUATE PROGRAM OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2020

Public health has become a growing field in recent years. A career in public health opens the door to diverse opportunities in a variety of sectors such as government (public sector), private and non-governmental organizations. Because of their "big picture" perspective, public health experts play a key role in healthcare planning, policy development, programme implementation emergency preparedness and response with the health and social sectors.

The Discipline of Public Health Medicine vision is "To inspire Excellence for Population Health." The mission of the Discipline is "To produce effective, globally recognized, locally relevant evidence-informed (based) knowledge to improve population health."

The Graduate Programme in Public Health aims to produce health professionals who are change agents in the field of public health. The programme offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health and a Master of Public Health. The Discipline of Public Health Medicine is now calling for Application from Prospective students for the 2020 intake.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

1. Application form with application fee
2. Curriculum vitae
3. All degree certificates certified
4. Academic transcripts for undergraduate and post graduate studies (PG) certified
 - Please note that your PG transcripts should reflect NQF level. If not, please ensure that you have specified it in your CV
5. Motivation letter from applicant
6. Letter from employer

Applying for the qualifications in the Graduate Programme of Public Health

Should you meet the minimum entry requirements for either PGDip-PH or MPH, you may apply by completing the UKZN Postgraduate Application form or complete an online application on the UKZN website.

NB: Should you have a UKZN student number complete the Postgraduate Application form, provide the student number and post or drop off your application. If you are a first time applicant, complete the online application.

Please send completed applications to: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus
Applications & Information Office
Denis Shepstone Building Level 4
King George V Ave/Mazisi Kunene Rd
Glenwood, 4001, Durban

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

The Master of Public Health comprises 50% Coursework and 50% Research. This degree will provide students with specialized knowledge of health issues from a population perspective, allowing them to critically engage and conduct advanced research on the various aspects affecting health from a population focus.

The Master of Public Health will enable students to reflect critically on theory and its application and creatively, design and critically appraise research, make sound judgments using data and information at their disposal and communicate their conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences, demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks. The MPH will serve as an entry point into the Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Health (PhD).

Purpose of the programme

To educate and train researchers who can contribute to the development of knowledge to protect, preserve and promote the health of communities and populations in a multidisciplinary manner at an advanced level such that they are prepared for advanced and specialized professional employment.

Minimum Admission Requirements: MPH

- A 4-year Bachelor's degree at honour's level in a health related or social science discipline (at NQF Level 8).
- OR
- A 3-year degree in a health related or social science discipline plus Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health or any Health related domain;
 - A minimum of 1 year in a health program or clinical experience/research in the health or social sector (post community service).

NB: Where students have a 3-year degree at NQF level 7, the honour's degree must be health related. A BTech degree (3 years) will not be eligible for the Master Program without an additional qualification.

PLEASE NOTE

1. We have limited number of spaces for the Masters programme
2. Additional selection criteria will be applied
3. **Incomplete applications will not be considered**
4. No late applications will be considered
5. **Employers letter of release for contact session is required**

Structure of the Programme

The MPH is a part-time offering via contact sessions (one week per month over two semesters). In order to obtain the MPH, the student is expected to complete 5 core modules of 16 credits each and one elective module (also 16 credits) from the student's area of interest followed by a 96 credit research project. The core modules will be offered yearly. To graduate a student needs a total of 192 credits. A student will be required to complete the core modules prior to taking an elective module. A 50% research dissertation will be needed to complete the requirements for MPH. A student is expected to register for 32 credits per semester for the course work during year 1. The elective will be offered only with a minimum registration of 10 students. There is no area of specialization.

The MPH programme structure is as follows:

1st Year of Registration	SEMESTER 1			
	MODULE NAME	CORE/ELECTIVE	CREDITS	MODULE CODE
	Public Health Principles and Practice (Health Promotion)	Core	16	PBHL8PP
	Health Measurement Descriptive (Pre-requisite to Health Measurement Analytic)	Core	16	PBHL8J1
	SEMESTER 2			
	Health Measurement Analytic	Core	16	PBHL8J1
	Qualitative Research Methods	Core	16	PBHL841
2nd Year of Registration	SEMESTER 3			
	Research Methods and Bio-Ethics	CORE	16	PBHL8X1
	**You may register an elective module here			
	SEMESTER 4			
	ELECTIVES **(Choose One 1 Elective)			
	Intermediate Epidemiology	Elective	16	PBHL8E1
	Health Systems & Policy	Elective	16	PBHL8HP
Health Service Management	Elective	16	PBHL8HM	
Maternal And Reproductive Health	Elective	16	PBHL8HR	
Research Project/Dissertation	Core	96	PBHL899	
* 3rd year of registration	*SEMESTER 5			
	Research Project in Public Health	Core	96	PBHL899
	*SEMESTER 6			
	Research Project Subsequent Year (should have not completed your MPH by then)	Core	96	PBHL89S

*** Should you not complete your MPH degree within the 2 years, your studies will move to the 5/6 semester. Maximim time given to complete is 6 semesters**

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PUBLIC HEALTH (PGDIP)

The Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health serves to strengthen the ability of middle managers to manage various programs and strengthen the health system as a whole. The Post Graduate Diploma will train people who are cognizant of the issues of local environment and provide them with the skills to address them in a relevant manner. This program serves to equip working professionals with the critical knowledge skills to be able to engage in reflection on public health thinking and practices for e.g. Health system, Health service management and service delivery. They will also be equipped to critically analyze existing data sources to be able to engage in operational research and to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate programs.

The purpose of the programme

To enhance the capacity of people working in the health field to practice Public Health and to undertake advanced reflection and development by means of a systematic survey of current thinking, practice and research methods in order to improve the health status of the people of South Africa and sub-Saharan Africa. Graduates will be provided with a with the skill and expertise to undertake advanced reflection and apply these principles at a health system level as well as in health programmes at district, provincial and national levels and conduct and report research under supervision.

Entry Criteria: Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health:

- A minimum of 3-year Bachelor's degree in a health or social science related discipline.
- A minimum of 1-year programme or clinical research or clinical experience in the health or social sector (post community service).

NB: Our postgraduate diploma degree is on the same level as an honors degree (NQF Level 8). To do honours you need a 3-year degree (at NQF Level 7), so the same applies for the PGDip in Public Health.

Structure of the Programme: Post graduate Diploma in Public Health

The Postgraduate Diploma is a part-time offering via contact sessions. The contact session are offered by block release (i.e. one week per month, from February to November with examinations in May/June and October/November during work hours – 8:30am to 4:30pm)

A student requires 128 credits (96 core credits and 32 elective credits) to complete the PGDip. There is no area of specialization. Core modules are as follows

- Introduction to Public Health
- Basics of Health Measurement
- Human Resource Management
- National Health Systems & Primary Care
- Public Health Service Learning

Electives are offered only with a minimum registration of 10 students. The Post Graduate Diploma can be completed over a 24-month period.

The PGDip programme structure is as follows:

SEMESTER 1					
	MODULE NAME	CORE/ELECTIVE	CREDITS	MODULE CODE	
1 st Year of Registration	Introduction To Public Health	Core	16	PBHL6PH	
	Basic Of Health Measurement	Core	16	PBHL6BH1	
	SEMESTER2				
	National Health Systems & Primary Care	Core	16	PBHL6CN1	
	Human Resource Management	Core	16	PBHL6CM	
	*Register 1 elective module this semester from the list below				
2 nd Year of Registration	SEMESTER 3				
	Public Health Service Learning Module (I)	Core	16	PBHL6SL1	
	SEMESTER 4				
	Public Health Service Learning Module (II)	Core	16	PBHL6SL 1	
	*ELECTIVE MODULES (Choose One (1) elective)				
	Total Quality Management & Corporate Governance	Elective	16	PBHL6QM1	
	Operations & Risk Management	Elective	16	PBHL6OM1	
	Introduction To Reproductive, Maternal & Newborn Health	Elective	16	PBHL6RM1	
	Dental Public Health	Elective	16	PBHL6DH1	
	Introduction To Child & Adolescent Health	Elective	16	PBHL6CA1	

*To make the correct number of credits (128 credits) to graduate with the PGDip-PH students must pass 2 elective modules.

Duration of the degree

The curriculum for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health will occupy a minimum of four and a maximum of six semesters of part-time tuition, whereas for the Master of Public Health, the curriculum will occupy a minimum of six and a maximum of ten semesters of part-time tuition and research. With the permission of the Board, a candidate shall be permitted to suspend registration for a maximum of one semester.

Cost of Modules

Check the student fee guide on the UKZN website, www.ukzn.ac.za. The cost is subject to University price adjustments for 2020.

Selection process

Selection into the Graduate Programme in Public Health is as per minimum entry criteria, letter of motivation, work experience and additional criteria that may be applied, depending on the number of places available. Offers will be given **either** for the Master of Public Health or Post Graduate Diploma should the applicant fulfil all the application requirements.

Registration

Acceptance letters are emailed to students. Ensure that your email address is correct and legible. Once you are accepted, you are required to register in January 2020. Registration dates and deadlines will be provided. Registration fee is R3,750 (subject to change). You will register modules as per programme structure and offering of the year and semester you are accepted into. After registration students are required to get a student card and activate their UKZN user logins to be able to access the Student Portal and Moodle (in which all study material and assignments are uploaded).

NB: You will not be allowed to attend contact sessions without being registered. Students are advised to attend all the contact sessions

Contact people

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Applications for the 2020 academic year close on 30 September 2019.

Please take note of the following when completing the application form:

1. The application form must be completed in full
2. The following must accompany your application form:
 - a. Application fee and Application Form
 - b. Curriculum Vitae
 - c. Letter from employer, providing permission for you to obtain leave from work to attend modules
 - d. Motivation letter indicating your understanding of public health and how you will use this degree in the future and your level of computer literacy.
 - e. Academic transcript for undergraduate and any post graduate degree (all certified)
 - f. Certified copy of Matric certificate/O Levels or other School Leaving certificate
 - g. Certified copy of ID/Passport copy

NB: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications without all of the above documents will be rejected. It is not the duty of the administrator to follow-up on outstanding documents.