University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

PGDip (Occupational Medicine and Health) (10220003)

Department	School of Health Systems and Public Health
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	120
NQF level	08

Programme information

A curriculum comprises prescribed modules and/or a research report compiled in conjunction with the head of department or Chairperson of the School. Details regarding the curriculum and syllabuses are published in a brochure which is available on request from the relevant department or School.

Students may, with the approval of the Head of the Department of Public Health Medicine or the Chairperson of the School of Health Systems and Public Health, register simultaneously for Part I and Part II of a diploma which extends over two academic years.

Admission requirements

1. MBChB (or equivalent) degree
2. Completed internship of at least one year
3. Applicable professional work experience (post-internship) of at least one year
4. Currently registered as a medical practitioner with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) **or** registration with the Licensing authority in the country of *domicile*

Additional requirements

Registration as a special student in the Faculty in order to pass a status examination

i. Candidates will be required to first register as a special student in the Faculty, in order to pass in a status examination, in the following instances:

- A three-year bachelor's degree with less than five years' applicable practical (work) experience; or
- A four-year bachelor’s degree with less than two years’ applicable practical (work) experience; or
- Any applicant in possession of an approved bachelor’s degree, who the School’s Selection Committee deems fit to register as a special student.

NB:
In accordance with the criteria of the Senate of the University, the applications for admission of all such

candidates must, apart from any Faculty requirements, also be submitted to the University Senate for approval. All candidates accepted for postgraduate study (MPH or the Postgraduate Diplomas) must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate with admission for degree purposes.

ii. **Pass requirements for the status examination**

- At least 60% must be obtained in the status examination.
- The status examination will be written in June.

iii. The application of a student who has passed the status examination must be submitted to the Senate of the University for approval. Successful students may then enrol for the degree programme in the following academic year.

Other selection criteria
(Each on a scale of one to five.)

- Academic merit
- National/International need for public health
- Under-represented groups in public health
- Public health related employment
- Track record – e.g. employment, academic, community-building, etc.

Examinations and pass requirements

Students must attend all lectures and practical classes to the satisfaction of the head of department or the Chairperson of the School before they will be admitted to the examinations. Written, oral and/or practical examinations must be passed in all the modules. All diploma programme summative assessments will be externally moderated.

The minimum pass mark for prescribed modules and the summative assessment is 50%.

Only with the approval of the Chairperson of the School, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, will a student be allowed to continue his or her studies after having failed two modules (or the same module twice).

A second examination in a module (including the diploma-specific summative assessment) is arranged in conjunction with the relevant head of department.

Pass with distinction

A diploma is awarded with distinction to a student who has obtained a mark of at least 75% for the externally moderated assessment component as well as a simple (unweighted) average of at least 75% of all the marks for the other required modules for the relevant diploma; excluding PHM 870 Learning in public health 870.

General information

Concurrent registration for two study programmes

i. In accordance with the stipulations of the General Regulations, which is mutatis mutandis applicable in the case of postgraduate diploma study, the permission of the Dean is required for concurrent registration, subject to the regulations applicable to the fields of study in question and to any other stipulations the Dean

may prescribe. Such a concession may be withdrawn by the Dean if the student does not perform satisfactorily – all assignments and coursework must be completed on time. Concurrent registration will not be accepted as a reason for poor performance or not meeting deadlines for both study programmes.

ii. In the case of registering concurrently for two study programmes in the School of Health Systems and Public Health and elsewhere, students must obtain the written consent of both the coordinator of their current programme and the coordinator of the second programme (or the track co-ordinator in the case of the MPH), and submit it with a substantiating letter to the School's Academic Programme Committee, for recommendation by the Chairperson of the School, after which the application is submitted to the Dean for approval.

iii. The School of Health Systems and Public Health states that concurrent registration for two study programmes is a privilege and not a right.

iv. Concurrent registration must be applied for annually and is granted based on academic performance in the primary degree/diploma programme. If the current field of study is a master's degree, then the second field of study can be a postgraduate diploma.

v. If the current field of study is a postgraduate diploma, then the second field of study can be another postgraduate diploma.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 80

Core modules

Research project: Occupational health 771 (AOH 771)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Health risk assessment 774 (EHM 774)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Introduction to environmental and occupational health 776 (EOH 776)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Occupational health law 773 (HCL 773)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	EOH 775
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Clinical skills in occupational medicine 774 (OCM 774)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only

Diploma examination: Occupational health (Part 1) 776 (PHM 776)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Diploma examination: Occupational health (Part 2) 777 (PHM 777)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Learning in public health 778 (PHM 778)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Special introduction to fundamentals in Executive Leadership in health
The emerging student will be taught the fundamentals in executive leadership in healthcare systems which will form the basic platform or foundation for understanding the challenges for application of leadership modalities at the different levels of healthcare service delivery in the public health service and how to begin to think and analyse how the principles of executive leadership at their level of appointment can improve health service delivery.

Human resource management and industrial sociology 773 (SCM 773)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 40

Core modules

Managing occupational health services 773 (HCM 773)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	EOH 770
Contact time	1 practical per week, 16 lectures per week, 4 discussion classes per week, 4 seminars per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Primary epidemiology 774 (HME 774)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Health Medicine
Period of presentation	Year

Principles of occupational medicine 772 (OCM 772)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Principles of occupational hygiene and toxicology 771 (OHT 771)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Diploma examination: Occupational health (Part 1) 776 (PHM 776)

Module credits	0.00

NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health System and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Diploma examination: Occupational health (Part 2) 777 (PHM 777)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	08
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The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.