UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**SHORTENED GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A DOCTORAL THESIS**

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|  | April graduation | 31 August | 31 January |

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