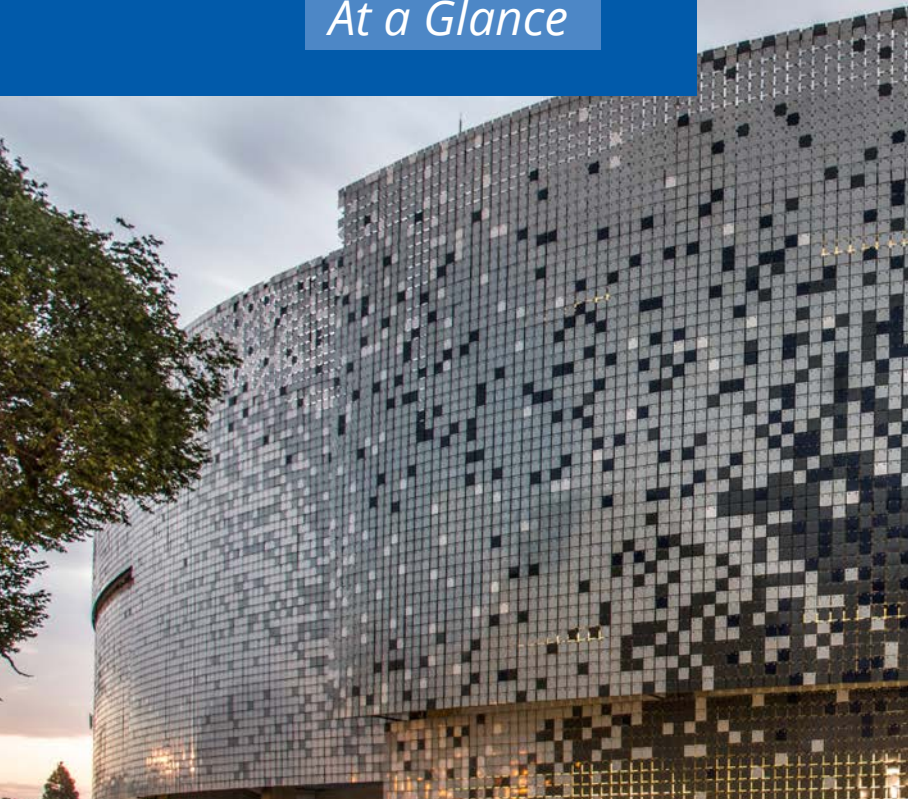


FACULTY

At a Glance

2023



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

Faculty of Health Sciences

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2001

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) was established in 2001, following the amalgamation of the Faculties of Medicine (est.1943) and Dentistry (est. 1949).

LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

1908

The University of Pretoria (UP) was established in 1908. Today, it is one of the largest research universities in South Africa. UP has transformed into a dynamic university community of staff and students who come from a range of diverse backgrounds and cultures showcasing South African and global societies.

TEACHING & LEARNING



Our educational approach has a strong focus on inclusivity and equitable access to education, but ultimately on equity of outcomes.

UP effectively uses contact sessions in traditional lectures, seminars, laboratories and practical sites, together with online learning platforms. This has enabled access and success for an increasing number of students. The teaching and learning approach is based on inquiry-based learning, hybrid learning and community-based learning. This means that students can ask questions and do research in their field to learn and discover answers on their own; while also being taught in a classroom environment and accessing additional resources online.

VISION & GOALS



OUR VISION IS TO BE

A leading research-intensive university in Africa, recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact, and also for developing people, creating knowledge and making a difference locally and globally.



OUR GOALS ARE TO

1. Enhance access and successful student learning
2. Strengthen the University's research and international profile
3. Foster and sustain a transformed, inclusive and equitable University community
4. Optimise resources and enhance institutional sustainability
5. Strengthen the University's social consciousness and its impact on society

HYBRID LEARNING

Through UP's hybrid model of teaching and learning, part of the learning is dependent on access to the online learning management system known as ClickUP.

A system is in place for students to buy their own devices at very competitive rates but more than **6 000** computers are available in computer laboratories across all campuses and within residences for student use. There are Wi-Fi hot spots across all campuses for use by students with their own devices.



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The FHS has a long and proud tradition of excellence in the education of healthcare professionals. The FHS is driven by cutting-edge research in the creation of teaching and learning in line with the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), in order to graduate a new and future-ready generation of healthcare professionals. Students who join the FHS receive a rich and varied hands-on clinical experience and training in a range of hospital, clinic and community settings, thus becoming a productive part of society and communities alike, with long-term positive impacts.



ACADEMIC OFFERING

11

undergraduate
degree programmes

280

postgraduate
degree programmes

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
SCHOOL OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SYSTEMS & PUBLIC HEALTH (POSTGRADUATE)

43

specialised academic
departments

STUDENTS

4 645

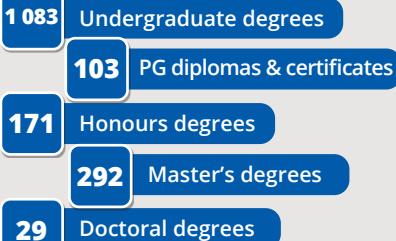
Undergraduate
students



3 341

Postgraduate
students

2021 GRADUATES



97%

Undergraduate pass rate

213

Academic staff members

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

58%

Academic staff members with a doctorate



6
RESEARCH CHAIRS

52

NRF-rated researchers



32 000

Alumni world-wide

INSTITUTES, CENTRES AND ENTITIES

- Institute for Cellular and Molecular Medicine (ICMM)
- University of Pretoria Institute for Sustainable Malaria Control (UP ISMC)
- Sport, Exercise Medicine and Lifestyle Institute (SEMLI)
- Pan African Cancer Research Institute (PACRI)
- Centre for Ethics and Philosophy of Health Sciences (CEPHS)
- Centre for Neuroendocrinology (CNE)
- Forensic Anthropology Research Centre (FARC)
- Centre for Viral Zoonoses (UP CVZ)
- Tuberculosis Research Centre (TB@UP)
- UP Research Centre for Maternal, Fetal, Newborn and Child Health Care (MFNCHC RC)
- Diabetes Research Centre
- Community Orientated Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit
- Environmental Chemical Pollution and Health Research Unit (ECPH-RU)

RANKINGS



TOP 1%

internationally in Clinical Medicine, Immunology and Microbiology
Web of Science Essential Science Indicators

TOP 348

in the world for Life Sciences and Medicine
2020/21 QS Rankings

TOP 301-350

in the world for Medicine
2020/21 QS Rankings

TOP 301-350

in the world for Biological Sciences
2020/21 QS Rankings

#1




in South Africa for Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)
TOP 100 GLOBALLY
Web of Science Essential Science Indicators

UP achieved a score of **85.7%** in the 'Collaboration and health services' category, indicating that it is extremely active in leading initiatives to promote good health and wellbeing.




2022 Times Higher Education Rankings

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The COVID-19 pandemic was a reminder of the impactful role that universities play in making the world a better place. The FHS is committed to conducting research that matters, and improving society through skills development and community-based projects.

-  **Life-Changers Fund:** The FHS has established this student solidarity fund to support students with the tools and subsistence required to complete their academic training and to provide future support for the same purpose. The **Food Parcel Project**, as part of the student solidarity fund, will help ensure that our students do not go hungry while studying at the institution.
-  **Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP):** This undertaking provides a community-based, low threshold response to the use of drugs, which seeks to reduce harm, and adds to and is integrated with the primary health, HIV and social services of the City of Tshwane.
-  **Informal Settlement Health Research:** This project consists of a core 'roaming' multi-disciplinary health team offering services with on-site support for community health workers from four informal settlements in/around Pretoria, including Zama Zama, Melusi, Woodlane Village and Cemetery View. The team visits each Holistic Health Post weekly, covering three core areas of care: health across the spectrum, nutrition and education.

STUDENT PROGRAMMES

-  **Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro Medical Student Training Programme:** The FHS is one of the establishments that hosts this programme, which aims to improve human resource workforce capacity and strengthen the healthcare system in South Africa, as well as contribute towards the attainment of SDGs on health.
-  **Buddy Mentor System:** Third-year students apply to be mentors for four to six first-year students in a structured programme of one year.
-  **Tuks Undergraduate Research Forum (TURF):** TURF is a platform for UP students to simplify the world of research and facilitate undergraduate research initiatives. TURF prepares its students for the ever-changing modern world of healthcare by providing early exposure to research through mentorship.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS (2020 – 2021)

- One of the first institutions in the higher education sector to open a vaccination site at UP's Prinshof Campus (Medical School)
- Along with Steve Biko Academic Hospital, the FHS welcomed Stevie, a mobile robot that helped improve the treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic
- The UP Institute for Sustainable Malaria Control (UP ISMC) was awarded a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to develop and deliver a leadership and management training course to support the malaria elimination agenda, starting in 2022
- The Children's Chest and Allergy Clinic at UP and Steve Biko Academic Hospital was selected as a World Allergy Organization (WAO) Center of Excellence for the 2020 – 2023 term. Currently, there are only three WAO Centers of Excellence in Africa
- The Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit launched 'Imvelo Urban Farms', a transdisciplinary initiative that aims to serve as safe havens and a source of food security for vulnerable communities
- The Department of Public Health was awarded the status of World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre (for Social Determinants for Health)



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