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UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
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Faculty of Health Sciences

Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe
Lefapha le Disaense tša Maphelo

FACULTY AT A GLANCE





2001

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

LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

1908

The University of Pretoria 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 responsiveness and impact in society.



HYBRID LEARNING AMIDST DISRUPTION

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.



95%

Undergraduate modules
available online

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The Faculty of Health Sciences has a long and proud tradition of excellence in the education of health care professionals. 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 generation of health care professionals. Students who join the Faculty receive a rich and varied hands-on clinical experience in a range of hospital, clinic and community settings thus becoming a productive part of society and communities with long term positive impact.



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

5 609

Undergraduate
students



2 181

Postgraduate
students

2020 GRADUATES

813 Undergraduate degrees

120 PG diplomas

127 Honours degrees

219 Master's degrees

40 Doctoral degrees



98%

Undergraduate pass rate

201

Academic staff members

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

57%

Academic staff members
with a doctorate



5
**RESEARCH
CHAIRS**

54

NRF-rated researchers



Alumni world-wide

INSTITUTES, CENTRES AND ENTITIES

- ICMM
- UP ISMC
- SEMLI
- PACRI
- CEPHS
- CNE
- FARC
- UP CVZ
- TB@UP
- MFNCHC RC
- Diabetes Centre
- COPC
- ECPH-RU

RANKINGS



TOP 1%

internationally in Clinical Medicine, Immunology and Microbiology
Times Higher Education

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

-  **Life-Changers Fund:** the Faculty 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.
-  **COSUP:** COSUP 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:** The 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 Faculty is one of the institutions that hosts this programme, which aims to improve human resource workforce capacity and strengthen the health care 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 orchestrate undergraduate research initiatives. TURF prepares its students for the ever-changing modern world of health care by providing early exposure to research through mentorship.

The UP Way

It's as much about where UP comes
from as to **where we are headed**

It's about UP's excellence, innovation,
diversity, growth, kindness and
making a difference every day

It's about what we do to...



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