



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PGDip in Public Health (UPOnline) (10221019)

Department School of Health Systems and Public Health

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Programme information

The curriculum for the PGDip (Public Health) will comprise of compulsory core modules and a research component. All modules will be offered online.

Information on UPOne:

- The programmes presented by UPOne are part-time and fully online
- Online programmes allow access to programme material on any device provided that a stable internet connection is available.
- The UPOne modules have dedicated facilitators and contactable staff ready to help, motivate and assist students with any queries they may have.
- UPOne programmes have been designed to provide a highly interactive learning environment which may include live chats, discussion forums and online video communication.
- These programmes are structured with six enrolment opportunities per year where a student will enrol for a single module of either 8 or 16 weeks at a time.
- Payment can be made per module.

Admission requirements

Relevant Honours degree (NQF level 8)

or

Relevant four-year Bachelor's degree (NQF level 8) with at least two years' applicable practical work experience

or

Relevant three-year Bachelor's degree (NQF level 7) with at least two years' applicable practical work experience

Additional requirements

Computer literacy

The University of Pretoria makes use of Blackboard, branded as clickUP, which is an online system that provides a workspace for students, providing students with the information and the connections needed. ClickUP contains study material as well as a simple, convenient, and reliable web conferencing and virtual classroom solutions specifically built for education and training. ClickUP is accessible via a web browser mobile device, or tablet and has a useful student guide.

Students are required to have some technical and digital literacy skills such as the ability to:



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- navigate the University's eLearning environment (ClickUP);
 - use the email service in the LMS;
 - manage digital files: create, store, upload and attach files to assignment submissions (using applications such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint);
 - use the Library website or databases for research and make use of proper referencing techniques;
 - use a webcam, upload videos or audio files, use social media for communication or to collaborate electronically; and
 - download and install software and applications.

Examinations and pass requirements

Written, oral and/or practical assessments must be passed in all the modules. The minimum pass mark for prescribed modules' summative assessment is 50%. Only with the approval of the Chairperson of the School, on the recommendation of the 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 assessment attempt in a module is arranged in conjunction with the head of department for any student obtaining less than 50% and more than 39% for any module assessment.

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 components 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 710 Learning in public health 710.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

- PHM 710 must be completed first before registering for any other module.
- AHM 710 can only be registered for after completing all of the other modules.
- HME 711 is a prerequisite for HME 712.
- This programme is structured with six enrolment opportunities per year where a student will enrol for a single module of either 8 or 16 weeks at a time.
- A 8 week module typically consists of 7 weeks of teaching and 1 week of recess. A 16 week module typically consists of 14 weeks of teaching and 2 weeks of recess.
- The full curriculum is displayed below.

Core modules

[PGDPH Research protocol 710 \(AHM 710\)](#) - Credits: 30.00

[Principles of disease prevention and control 710 \(CDC 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00

[Introduction to environmental health 710 \(EHM 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00

[Principles of health policy and management 710 \(HCM 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00

[Introduction to research methodology 710 \(HME 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00

[Epidemiology and Biostatistics I 711 \(HME 711\)](#) - Credits: 15.00

[Epidemiology and Biostatistics II 712 \(HME 712\)](#) - Credits: 15.00

[Learning in public health 710 \(PHM 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00

[Social determinants of health 710 \(SCM 710\)](#) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

- PHM 710 must be completed first before registering for any other module.
- AHM 710 can only be registered for after completing all of the other modules.
- HME 711 is a prerequisite for HME 712.
- This programme is structured with six enrolment opportunities per year where a student will enrol for a single module of either 8 or 16 weeks at a time.
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- Introduction to research methodology 710 (HME 710) - Credits: 10.00
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics I 711 (HME 711) - Credits: 15.00
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics II 712 (HME 712) - Credits: 15.00
- Learning in public health 710 (PHM 710) - Credits: 10.00
- Social determinants of health 710 (SCM 710) - Credits: 10.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.