

# 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 UPOnline:

- The programmes presented by UPOnline 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 UPOnline modules have dedicated facilitators and contactable staff ready to help, motivate and assist students with any queries they may have.
- UPOnline 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:



- 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 programmes 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 programmes 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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