

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Learning in public health 779 (PHM 779)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BSchHons in Biostatistics specialising in Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 practicals, 10 lectures
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Health Systems and Public Health
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The history and scope of public health. The importance of self-motivated deep learning as opposed to passive learning. Learning the value of group work. The use of the internet and the library to research areas of study. The writing of literature reviews and assignments. The avoidance of plagiarism. Students will also learn how to use the UP online learning platforms.

In addition, students will be introduced to two online Statistical packages, namely Stata and EpiData. This online learning will assist them on where to obtain the software, install it, and navigate the panels and views (Stata) or between the different sub-programmes (EpiData). They will also learn the basic syntax, and, for Stata, how to log one's work, create and use "do" files and also to create basic graphic outputs. For EpiData they will learn how to create QES CHK and REC files and also how to export their work in Stata format, ready for analysis.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.