

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

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 8,16 or 52 weeks at a time.
- Payment can be made per module.

Admission requirements

1. A Bachelor's degree or a qualification listed on the SAQA framework at NQF Level 7

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 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.
- 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

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

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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.