

Applications must include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Written motivation by the applicant him/herself which expresses why the applicant wants to do an MPH in the field of specialization
- Two confidential referee reports
- Certified copies of prior qualification(s)
- English competency or other relevant training, if required

Closing date for applications: 31 July of the year prior to that for which admission is sought.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Applications for accommodation in a Wits residence must reach the office of Residence Life before 31 July each year. For more information contact:

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students from SADC countries and abroad are a vital part of this University and are strongly encouraged to apply. Specific procedures apply to international students so apply well in advance for admission through the International Office.

Closing date for applications is 31 July of the year prior to intake.

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WITS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MASTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)



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WHY CHOOSE THE WITS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME?

The MPH programme at Wits has been designed to prepare graduates to be leaders in the field of public health and provide them with the skills and knowledge to identify and address local, national, regional and international public health issues. The programme reflects the values of the School of Public Health: to promote equity and human rights and to meaningfully respond to the needs of people on the African continent. The MPH is multidisciplinary with staff from a number of disciplines involved in the teaching and research components.

WHO CAN APPLY?

A university graduate who has been awarded a Bachelor degree of at least four years duration is the basic requirement. A Bachelor of Arts or Sciences with honours in a field of relevance to public health will also be considered OR anyone who by means of oral or written test (or both) satisfied the needs of the Senate.

FIELDS OF SPECIALISATION

The MPH is offered in six areas of specialisation:

- **Health Systems and Policy** provides training and skills for managers to deal with the changing policy dynamics and health system challenges in South Africa and the rest of Africa.
- **Social and Behaviour Change Communication** is ideal for practitioners working in prevention programmes, health communication and health promotion.
- **Occupational Hygiene** is offered primarily for occupational hygienists who intend to work in occupational health services in the public or private sectors in Southern Africa.
- **Rural Health** aims to address the critical need for health care professionals in rural areas to take leadership in supporting and developing the health service in these areas, in designing appropriate health systems and in researching and advocating around the health needs of rural people.
- **Maternal and Child Health** is designed to prepare professionals working in government departments, NGO's, the private sector or academic institutions for leadership positions in the field of Maternal and Child Health.
- **Health Economics:** The field of Health Economics aims to build a critical mass of health economists in South Africa and the region equipped with the necessary skills to support health policy decision-making. The field of Health Economics will cover topics in micro-economics as applied to health and economic evaluation.

There are three parts to the MPH:

- Part 1** consists of orientation and six one-week modules. All students will do five core modules: Health and Society, Health Measurement I, Approaches to Population Health, Designing Effective Public Health programmes. Health Measurement II and a field specific module.
- Part 2** is six one-week modules, four in an area of specialisation plus two core modules: Research Methods and Health Services Management
- Part 3** is a research report in the candidate's field of specialization.

The MPH is offered as a part time block release programme (3-4 years).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Information about financial aid is available from the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

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Postgraduate application forms are only available online from:
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