

WITS School of Public Health

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Wits Master of Public Health Short Courses for 2023.

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MPH Short Courses for 2023

MPH SBCC Short Courses for 2023 - Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC)					
Type	Price	Date	Venue	Course Code	Course name
Attendance	R 6 000.00	13-17 March 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0085	Applying Development, Social and Behavioural Theory to Practice
Competence	R 6 500.00	13-17 March 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0086	Applying Development, Social and Behavioural Theory to Practice
Attendance	R 6 000.00	15 - 19 May 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0087	Social and Behaviour Change Communication Approaches
Competence	R 6 500.00	15 - 19 May 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0088	Social and Behaviour Change Communication Approaches
Attendance	R 6 000.00	10-14 July 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0143	Communication, Media and Society
Competence	R 6 500.00	10-14 July 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0145	Communication, Media and Society
Attendance	R 6 000.00	14 - 18 August 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0091	Research, Monitoring and Evaluation for Social and Behaviour Change Communication
Competence	R 6 500.00	14 - 18 August 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0092	Research, Monitoring and Evaluation for Social and Behaviour Change Communication

Applying social and behaviour change theory to practice

The aim of this course is to build candidate capacity to evaluate the evidence for theoretical models and frameworks that explain behaviours at different levels and to learn how to apply theory to formative research. Skills in selecting and applying a theory of change are also critical to the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes addressing contemporary health issues. The course introduces a range of behavioural and social theories and models that can be applied at individual, interpersonal, community, and societal levels to promote health. Examples of these theories include: the transtheoretical model, Health Belief Model, Social Cognitive Theory, social networks, Diffusion of Innovations, and the social ecological model.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 30 January 2023

Competence: Outsiders = R 6 500 or from Wits = R 3 250

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Social and Behaviour Change Communication Approaches

This course equips the candidate with a critical overview of the evidence-base for approaches that aim to influence the social and behavioural determinants of health. These approaches include advocacy, social mobilisation, edutainment, social marketing as well as various interpersonal techniques, e.g. peer counselling and motivational interviewing. The course addresses the principles and processes for each approach. These approaches are applied to current health and development issues and the empirical evidence base is explored in context.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 3 April 2023

Competence: Outsiders = R 6 500 or from Wits = R 3 250

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Communication, Media & Society

This course aims to provide participants with a general insight into the key theories and methodologies within media and communication studies. Candidates will be introduced to relevant communication theory and media approaches as a vehicle or channel to facilitate social and behaviour change communication addressing health and development issues, such as HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health. The place, form, and context of the media landscape in selected countries in the African region will be explored, with particular emphasis on the implications of those issues for health and development communication practice.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 29 May 2023

Competence: Outsiders = R 6 500 or from Wits = R 3 250

Attendance: Outsiders = R 6 000 or from Wits = R 3 000

Research, monitoring and evaluation for Social and Behaviour Change Communication

This course focuses on research, monitoring and evaluation as applied specifically to social and behaviour change communication. It aims to develop candidate's capacity to undertake formative research used to. This course aims to develop candidates' practical skills in designing and conducting formative research, which is used inform the development of interventions, messages and programmes. The course also enables candidates to differentiate between and critique different evaluation designs and introduces key concepts for effective monitoring and evaluation of SBCC interventions and programmes.

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Application Deadline: 3 July 2023

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Attendance: Outsiders = R 6 000 or from Wits = R 3 000

MPH HSP Short Courses for 2023 - Health Systems and Policy (HSP)					
Type	Price	Date	Venue	Course Code	Course name
Competence	R 6 500.00	13-17 March 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0103	Health Policy and Policy Analysis (HPPA)
Attendance	R 6 000.00	13-17 March 2023	Lecture Room 3	SPUH0104	Health Policy and Policy Analysis (HPPA)
Competence	R 6 500.00	15 - 19 May 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0099	Health Systems Organisation and Human Resources (HSOHR)
Attendance	R 6 000.00	15 - 19 May 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0100	Health Systems Organisation and Human Resources (HSOHR)

Health Policy and Policy Analysis

The aim of this course is to demonstrate candidates' understanding of the varied and iterative nature of policy change processes. It provides an outline of key issues in policy analysis; introduces and uses theoretical frameworks and approaches; encourages application of theoretical frameworks to routine work experiences; and introduces some key health policy debates. The course will use different country case studies to encourage the application of these ideas to everyday experiences of health systems; nurture a systems' perspective towards Health Policy and Policy Analysis; and promote critical thinking, team work and communication skills.

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Health Systems Organisation and Human Resources

This course focuses on two of the health system building blocks: service delivery and the health workforce. The first half of the course covers contemporary approaches to the organisation of health services including debates about

decentralisation, horizontal vs vertical approaches, primary health care, the role of the private sector, quality improvement, and accountability mechanisms. The second half of the course introduces the student to important topics in human resources for health (HRH) including health workforce planning, strategies for improving the motivation and performance of health professionals, HRH information systems, and the governance of HRH.

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Attendance: Outsiders = R 6 000 or from Wits = R 3 000

MPH HE Short Courses for 2023 - Health Economics (HE)					
Type	Price	Date	Venue	Course Code	Course name
Attendance	R 6 000.00	15 - 19 May 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0130	Introduction to Economic Evaluation for Decision-Making in Health (EV)
Competence	R 6 500.00	31 July-4 August 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0123	Introduction to Health Economics (IHE)
Attendance	R 6 000.00	31 July-4 August 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0124	Introduction to Health Economics (IHE)

Introduction to Economic Evaluation for Decision-Making in Health

The course aims to expand on the basic principles of economic evaluation presented in the Introduction to Health Economics course. It will provide students with the knowledge and skills required to undertake a basic economic evaluation. The course covers different types of economic evaluations; the methods and processes used in economic evaluation; as well as the valuation and measurement of health costs and outcomes. It will also deepen students' skills in the critical appraisal of existing economic evaluation studies.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 3 April 2023

Competence: Outsiders = R 6 500 or from Wits = R 3 250

Attendance: Outsiders = R 6 000 or from Wits = R 3 000

Introduction to Health Economics (IHE)

This course provides a basic introduction to the field of Health Economics. It explores the insights that an economic perspective can contribute to the planning and implementation of health services and health systems. The first half of the course focuses on the application of classical and behavioural economic approaches to analysing individual health behaviour and the functioning of health markets. The second half of the course covers the principles and common methods of economic evaluation, particularly cost-effectiveness analysis. It will also provide the student with basic skills in the interpretation and critique of cost-effectiveness studies.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 19 June 2023

Competence: Outsiders = R 6 500 or from Wits = R 3 250

Attendance: Outsiders = R 6 000 or from Wits = R 3 000

MPH Optional & Msc IS Elective Short Course for 2023					
Type	Price	Date	Venue	Course Code	Course name
Attendance – Online	R 6 000.00	12 - 15 June 2023	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0105	Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Research
Attendance (face-to-face)	R 6 000.00	19 - 23 June 2023 (face-to-face)	Lecture Room 1 / 2	SPUH0105	Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Research

Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Research (MPH Optional & Msc IS Elective)

The aim of the course is to build skills to develop qualitative research questions, collect and analyse qualitative data. Candidates are introduced to different methodological approaches including: mixed methods, phenomenology, case studies, ethnography, grounded theory and narratives. The course provides both a theoretical and practical experience of some qualitative methods including observation, interviewing and focus groups. Candidates develop a codebook and write memos. Candidates are exposed to descriptive and comparative analysis as well as conceptualising and theorising from their data.

Certificate Type: Competence or Attendance

Application Deadline: 1 May 2023

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Directions from Pretoria travelling along M1 South:

- Exit M1 South at St. Andrews, turn left travel east.
- Proceed along St. Andrews Road, cross over St. David's Place, Blackwood Avenue, Victoria Road towards Queens Street.
- Turn left at intersection of Queens Street and St. Andrews Road i.e. entrance to Wits Education Campus (27 St. Andrews Road, Parktown).
- Proceed north on campus towards traffic circle at end of Queens Street with Wits Education Campus.
- Enter circle and exit right, proceed to T - Junction.
- At T - Junction turn left, follow road to School of Public Health (large face brick building on left hand side) basement parking entrance on left hand side of road.

Directions from Johannesburg travelling along M1 North:

- Exit M1 North at Empire Road, turn right and travel east.
- Proceed east along Empire Road, cross over Jan Smuts, Melle Street towards Victoria Road.
- Turn left into Victoria, travel north towards St. Andrews Road.
- Turn right into St. Andrews Roads, travel east towards Queens Street.
- At intersection of St. Andrews and Queens Road turn left, enter Wits Education Campus (27 St. Andrews Road, Parktown).
- Thereafter follow directions as indicated above.