University Accommodation

Applications for accommodation in a Wits residence must reach the Office of Residence Life before 31 July each year. Contact

E-mail: accommodation@residence.wits.ac.za.

International Students

Students from the 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 each year.
Tel: +27 11 717 1054
Fax: +27 11 717 1059
E-mail: studysa.international@wits.ac.za

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Postgraduate application forms are available from:

Postgraduate Officer
Faculty of Health Sciences
7 York Road
Parktown
2193
Tel: +27 11 717 2076
Fax: +27 11 717 2119
E-mail: healthpg@health.wits.ac.za

Applications must include:

- Wits University postgraduate application forms (electronic forms available on www.wits.ac.za. Go to Postgraduate Studies and then Health Sciences Faculty).
- Written motivation by the applicant him/herself, which should include a description of relevant prior work experience.
- Two confidential referee reports.
- Certified copies of prior qualification(s).
- Certificates of computer courses, English competency or other relevant training.

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

www.wits.ac.za/publichealth
Why choose the Wits School of Public Health?

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 the people on the African continent. The MPH is multi-disciplinary with staff from a number of disciplines involved in the teaching and research components.

Who can apply?

Any of the following may be a candidate:

A university graduate who has been awarded one of the following degrees: Bachelor’s degree of at least four years duration in dentistry, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and hearing therapy or social work is the basic requirement. A Bachelor of Arts or Sciences with honours in psychology or sociology or other fields of relevance to public health will be also be considered OR anyone who by means of oral or written test (or both) satisfied the needs of the Senate.

Course Structure

There are three parts to the MPH

(a) Part 1 consists of six one-week modules. All students will do five core modules (Health and Society, Health Measurement I, Approaches to Population Health and Designing Effective Public Health programmes). Health Measurement II and a field specific module

(b) Part 2: Six one-week modules in an area of specialisation.

(c) Part 3: A research report in the candidate’s field of specialisation, research methods and Health Services Management.

Part 2: Students may choose one of several areas of specialisation which may include (depending on availability)

- **Health Systems and Policy** provides training and skills for managers to deal with the changing policy dynamics and health system challenges of 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.

The MPH is offered as a full-time (2 year) course or a part time (3-4 year) course.

Career Opportunities

Public health graduates may work in:

- senior managerial positions in national, provincial and local government
- public and private hospitals and clinics, community health centres
- non-governmental organisations working in public health
- academic teaching
- research
- international agencies such as WHO, CDC and the UN

Financial Support

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

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