Emeris

Bachelor of Public Health

Faculty of Science & Technology
School of Engineering, Science & Health

3 Years Full-Time Degree | NQF Level 7
360 Credits | SAQA ID: 91996 | BPH0701

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Qualification Description

The Bachelor of Public Health degree is a multidisciplinary and flexible qualification that provides students with the opportunity to learn and apply key principles of Public Health leading to a wide range of careers.

On completion of the degree, future opportunities include application for studies in related fields including for example the Bachelor of Public Health Honours qualification and the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health qualification.

It is ideal for school leavers and aspiring health professionals who seek a multidisciplinary education that combines theory with practical experience.

The programme suits those interested in careers across government health departments, NGOs, international health agencies, research institutions, and private-sector health initiatives. It also appeals to students who value global perspectives, community engagement, and the opportunity to work with diverse stakeholders to create meaningful health impact.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The Bachelor of Public Health degree is aimed at individuals who are passionate about improving health outcomes and tackling pressing health challenges in communities and populations.

CONTACT FULL-TIME

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	**Alternate Admission:** Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12, entrance may be granted if the English requirement is met based on the final Grade 11 mark.
	NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	
	SC: Endorsement with	50%	
	SC(a): HC pass with	A minimum of 50%	
	International	An USAf Exemption Certificate is required meeting the minimum of 50% for English OR requisite English test.	
	A cognate Higher Certificate OR cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma or Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.	If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.	

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL| Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate

Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
IPHE5111	Introduction to Public Health	5	15	GHOC5112	Global health: Opportunities and Challenges	5	15
DECT5111	Data, evidence and critical thinking in Health	5	15	OCHS5112	Overview and context of a health System	5	15
BBHA5111	Biological bases of health and disease 1	5	15	BBHB5112	Biological bases of health and disease 2	5	15
	Elective	5	15		Elective	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APHD6211	Analysing patterns of health and Disease	6	15	RMHC6212*	Research methods in the health Sciences	6	15
HPGL6211	Health promotion: Global and local	6	15	CUSH6212	Culture, society and health	6	15
TRTE6211	Treatments and technologies	6	15	HEPP6212	Health programme planning	6	15
	Elective	6	15		Elective	6	15
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
COHC7311	Contemporary Health Challenges	7	15	HAGW7312*	Health for all in a global world	7	15
DPCO7311	Disease Prevention and Control	7	15	HLAE7312	Health, law and ethics	7	15

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Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
HPEV7311	Health Program Evaluation		15	HPPO7312	Health policy and politics		15
	Elective		15	HPPR7312*	Health promotion practicum		15

*There are prerequisites for this programme that must be met in order to progress through the qualification.

Further Study Pathways

For the Faculty of Science & Technology, School of Engineering, Science and Health, graduates of the Bachelor of Public Health degree may be eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Public Health Honours qualification and the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health qualification, subject to meeting admission requirements.

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Public Health degree prepares graduates for a wide range of impactful careers dedicated to improving health outcomes and addressing critical public health challenges.

Career opportunities include roles such as:

- Public Health Officer (developing and implementing health programmes within government departments)
- Health Promotion Specialist (designing and delivering community health education initiatives)
- Epidemiologist (analysing data to track and prevent disease outbreaks)
- NGO Project Coordinator (managing health-related projects in non-profit organisations)
- International Health Programme Officer (working with global agencies to address cross-border health issues)
- Public Health Researcher (conducting studies to inform policy and practice)
- Health Policy Analyst (advising on evidence-based policy development)
- Community Health Advocate (engaging communities to promote well-being and health equity)

Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available Mon-Fri 8:00 - 17:00 throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured.

Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 24 modules in the curriculum.

As a contact student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 3 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification.

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