Emeris

IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

Faculty Science & Technology
School of Engineering, Science & Health

2 Years Distance Postgraduate Diploma | NQF Level 8
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 101502 | PDPH0801

→ Online

Qualification Description

The urgent need for a well- skilled and trained Public Health workforce has been influenced by the current and constantly increasing health system and human resource challenges in the healthcare sector.

The principal aim of The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health is to provide students with a contextualised platform for acquiring, strengthening and deepening their knowledge to effectively contribute to improving our public health service delivery systems.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health is aimed at graduates and working professionals who wish to strengthen their expertise in promoting health and preventing disease at community and population levels. It is particularly suited to individuals employed in healthcare, government, non-governmental organisations, and research institutions, as well as those aspiring to enter the public health sector. The qualification equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills to address pressing health challenges in South Africa and beyond, with a focus on evidence-based interventions, health policy, and sustainable health systems.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

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DISTANCE (ONLINE)

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	An appropriate HEQSF Level 7 Bachelor's degree;
	OR
	An appropriate Advanced Diploma;
	OR
	An equivalent NQF Level 7 qualification
	Note:
	The qualification must include public health, medical or nursing- related modules at the 3rd-year level, or the applicant must have a minimum of 3 years' experience in a public health related field.
	International — A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence.

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 *If applicable

Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
PPPH8111	Principles and Practices of Public Health and Health Promotion	8	15	MAHS8112	Managing Health Systems	8	15
POHD8112	Population Health and Development	8	15	HIVD8111	HIV and AIDS and the Sustainable Development Agenda	8	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
EPPH8114	Epidemiology in Public Health	8	15	HPML8112	Health Policy, Management, Leadership and Governance	8	15
PHIV8111	Planning, Monitoring and evaluation of Health and HIV and AIDS	8	15	HSRE8111	Health Systems Research	8	15

Further Study Pathways

Currently there are no additional postgraduate study opportunities at Emeris. However, graduates from this programme will be able to pursue further postgraduate studies at other South African and International universities that offer postgraduate programmes, subject to meeting the admission requirements.

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Career Opportunities

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health equips graduates with advanced knowledge and practical skills to address pressing health challenges and improve population health outcomes. Qualified graduates may enhance their existing careers or take up roles in national and international organisations, government health departments, non-governmental organisations, healthcare facilities, and multilateral donor agencies. The programme provides a strong foundation in public health practice, policy, research, and leadership, preparing graduates to make meaningful contributions to health promotion, disease prevention, and evidence-based health interventions.

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps).
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory.
- Windows 8 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for IIE students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone.
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

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 8 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 2 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification.

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no IIE campus. If there is no IIE campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-IIE venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of an IIE Distance (Online) Qualification?

The IIE's distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.

- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.

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