

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (8801)

MODE 1

J.322 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the programme: **Master of Public Health – MPH**

- J.322.1** Candidates must be in possession of an Honours degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health or equivalent at Level 8 in any relevant discipline.
- J.322.2** A minimum of three years working experience in the health or welfare sector is required.
- J.322.3** Candidates who do not have credit for a tertiary level course in disease pathogenesis, disease measurement or disease control must take the module, *Introducing Public Health: Its Basis and Scope* (SPH730) from the PG Diploma in Public Health, and pass an assessment before or during their first semester.
- J.322.4** With due regard to Rule A.2.1.4, personnel in the health and welfare sector with a minimum of five years of relevant experience in implementing health and welfare policy or planning and managing health and welfare services, may be admitted to the course after assessment of prior learning and experience.
- J.322.5** Additional supporting documents may be required by the University from time to time.

J.323 SELECTION

- J.323.1** As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.
- J.323.2** Preference will be given to candidates employed in the health and welfare sector with a minimum of three years of relevant experience.

J.324 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration of the programme shall extend over a maximum of three years full-time or part-time. Students must apply to the Senate in order to enroll for a fourth year.

J.325 CURRICULUM

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
Group 1		
Population Health and Development:		
A Primary Health Care Approach II 855	SPH855	15
Measuring Health And Disease – Intermediate Epidemiology 856	SPH856	15
Management Strategies For The Public Health Services II 857	SPH857	15
Health Promotion For Public Health II 859	SPH859	15
Public Health Research 862	SPH862	15
Group 2 (Select 1 Module)		
Qualitative Research Methods 860	SPH860	15
Quantitative Research Methods 861	SPH861	15
	Sub total	90

Electives (Select Two)

Students must select two elective modules, either from one of eight groups that affords them a degree of specialization or any two of the electives listed below. With permission from SoPH, students may take modules up to 30 credits from another department provided these are deemed of direct relevance to public health and with the approval of the head of department of service department

* Electives

Group 1: Health Promotion

Alcohol Problems: A Health Promotion Approach 863	SPH863	15
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Group 2: Health Research

Monitoring And Evaluation In Health and Development Programmes 866	SPH866	15
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Health Information Systems 878	SPH878	15
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Group 3: Health Information Systems

Health Information Systems 878	SPH878	15
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Group 4: Health Management

Introduction to Health Workforce Development 871	SPH871	15
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Health Information Systems 878	SPH878	15
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Group 5: Human Resources Development

Introduction to Health Workforce Development 871	SPH871	15
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Evidence-Based Human Resource Planning 850	SPH850	15
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Group 6: Nutrition

Micronutrient Malnutrition 864	SPH864	15
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Public Health Nutritional Policy And Programming 870	SPH870	15
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Epidemiology Of Non-Communicable Diseases 867	SPH867	15
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Group 7: Pharmaceutical Public Health

Rational Medicines Use 873	SPH873	15
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Medicines Supply Management 874	SPH874	15
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Pharmaceutical Policy and Management 875	SPH875	15
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Group 8: Health Policy and Systems

Introduction to Health Policy and Systems Research 876	SPH876	15
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Introduction to Complex Health Systems 877	SPH877	15
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Understanding And Analysing Health Policy 851	SPH851	15
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Group 9: Other Electives

Globalisation And Health 868	SPH868	15
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Understanding And Analysing Health Policy 851	SPH851	15
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Capita Selecta A 853	SPH853	15
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Capita Selecta B 854	SPH854	15
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Subtotal		30
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Mini-thesis 803 (of 7 500 – 20 000 words)	SPH803	60
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TOTAL		180
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Consult with School which electives will be offered each year.

J.326 ASSESSMENT

Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

J.327 PROGRESS RULES

J.327.1 Students must complete 45 credits by the end of Year 1 (3 Modules).

J.327.2 Students must complete 75 credits by the end of Year 2 (5 Modules).

J.327.3 Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made with the mini-thesis during the current year.

J.327.4 A student must have successfully completed all prescribed modules and obtained a total of 180 credits to complete the degree.

J.327.5 Where the rules governing a curriculum are amended, and Senate does not decide otherwise, a student who registered under the old rules and who has attended the University without interruption, may, unless the amended rules otherwise provide, elect to proceed with his/her studies either in terms of the old rules or in terms of the new rules, provided that:

- a) (S)he may not elect to proceed partially in terms of the old and partially in terms of the new rules;
- b) (S)he shall be bound by his/her choice; and
- c) Her/his right to proceed in terms of the old rules, should (s)he so have elected, shall lapse should (s) he fail to gain sufficient credits to proceed to the following level of study. (Ref A.1.1.3).

J.328 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

J.329 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

There are no special requirements for this programme.

MODE 2

J.330 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the programme: **Master of Public Health (MPH) (as indicated in J.333)**

J.330.1 An Honours degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health or equivalent at Level 8 in any relevant discipline OR completion within the preceding 5 years of Master's level coursework covering the competencies of the core modules of the UWC MPH degree.

J.330.2 A minimum of three years of relevant experience in the health or welfare sector with significant research or monitoring and evaluation experience.

J.330.3 A tertiary level course in disease pathogenesis, disease measurement or disease control, if the candidates do not have the credit then they have to take the module *Introducing Public Health: its Basis and Scope* (SPH730) from the PG Diploma in Public Health, and pass an assessment before or during their first semester

J.330.4 A minimum of five years in the health and welfare sector with relevant experience in implementing health and welfare policy or planning and managing health and welfare services

J.330.5 Supporting documents as evidence of eligibility.

J.331 SELECTION

- J.331.1** As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.
- J.331.2** Preference will be given to candidates employed in the health and welfare sector with a minimum of three years of relevant experience.

J.332 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, the duration of the programme shall extend over a minimum of two years and a maximum of three years. Students must apply to the Senate in order to enroll for a fourth year.

J.333 CURRICULUM

Students must select a topic and design and complete a research project that is situated within the scope of topics and approaches covered in the Areas of Specialization (listed in Table 1) offered at the school. Students may choose to enroll for these modules for non-degree purposes in order to strengthen their own personal development. With permission from SOPH, students may apply the content and approach of other disciplines to their thesis project, provided these are deemed of direct relevance to Public Health.

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
1st Enrolment Code		
MPH Full Thesis 805	SPH805	
2nd Enrolment Code		180
MPH Full Thesis 806	SPH806	
	TOTAL	180

Table 1: Areas of Specialization within the School of Public Health

1. Population Health and Development: A Primary Health Care Approach II
2. Measuring Health and Disease - Intermediate Epidemiology
3. Management Strategies for the Public Health Services II
4. Health Promotion for Public Health II
5. Qualitative Research Methods
6. Quantitative Research Methods
7. Public Health Research

Health Promotion

8. Alcohol Problems: A Health Promotion Approach

Health Research

9. Monitoring and Evaluation in Health and Development Programmes

Health Information

10. Using Information for Effective Management I

Nutrition

11. Public Health Nutrition: Policy and Programming
12. Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases

Pharmaceutical Public Health

13. Medicine Supply Management
14. Rational Medicine Use

Other electives

15. Globalisation and Health
16. Understanding and Analysing Health Policy

J.334 ASSESSMENT

Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

J.335 PROGRESS RULES

- J.335.1** Students must have submitted an approved research proposal to Senate Higher Degrees by the end of Year 1.
- J.335.2** Students must complete data collection by the end of Year 2.
- J.335.3** Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made with the thesis during the current year.
- J.335.4** A student must have successfully completed a Masters research thesis and obtained a total of 180 credits to complete the degree.

J.336 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

J.337 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

There are no special requirements for this programme.