



Masters of Public Health in Health Economics



The Wits School Of Public Health (MPH) Programme

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 people on the African continent.

<https://www.wits.ac.za/health/academic-programmes/postgraduate-programmes/master-of-public-health/>

A NEW FIELD OF STUDY: HEALTH ECONOMICS

Health systems in low and middle income countries (LMICs) face significant challenges in the delivery of health care. Structural shortcomings within the health system have resulted in sub-optimal quality of care within the public health sector, inefficiencies in the allocation of scarce resources and inequalities in the distribution of the health workforce. As LMICs, faced with tightening budget constraints and growing health care demands attempt to move towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), health economics capacity will be crucial to addressing these health system challenges. This new MPH field of study will serve to train and equip future health policymakers, health economists, and health sector planners with the necessary skills to play a pivotal role in addressing the challenges within health systems in sub-Saharan Africa, thus contributing to significant improvements in population health. This programme is jointly developed by PRICELESS SA and the Centre for Health Policy (CHP) at the Wits School of Public Health.

The MPH Health Economics field of study will cover topics in economic evaluation and micro-economics as applied to health. Graduates of the MPH field of Health Economics will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to:

- Undertake health economic evaluation applicable to the sub-Saharan African context;
- Apply economic approaches to inform policy decisions on the efficient allocation of scarce resources;
- Provide technical advice to policy-makers on the use of economic policy levers to modify health behaviours.

There are three parts to the MPH in the Field of Health Economics:

A. Part 1 consists of six one-week modules:

- Introduction to Health Economics
- Health and Society
- Health Measurement I
- Health Measurement II
- Approaches to Population Health
- Designing Effective Public Health Programmes

B. Part 2 consists of six one-week modules:

- Health Care Financing
- Economics of Health Care
- Economic Evaluation
- Decision Analysis for Economic Evaluation
- Health Services Management
- Research Methods

C. Part 3 is a research report in Health Economics.

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

WHO CAN APPLY?

A university graduate who has been awarded a Bachelor degree of at least four years duration is the basic requirement. A Bachelor of Arts or Sciences with honours in field of relevance to public health will also be considered OR anyone who by means of oral or written test (or both) satisfied the needs of the Senate. A strong quantitative background and good knowledge of statistical packages or Microsoft Excel are desirable.

For further information about the MPH Programme, please contact:

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Applications must include:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Written motivation by the applicant which expresses why they wish to undertake an MPH in the field of Health Economics
3. Two confidential referee reports
4. Certified copies of prior qualification(s)
5. English competency or other relevant training, if required

Closing date for applications: 31st August 2017

Postgraduate application forms are only available online from:

<http://www.wits.ac.za/health/academic-programmes/>

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Applications for accommodation in a Wits residence must reach the office of Residence Life before 31st July 2017.

For more information on University accommodation, please contact:

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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.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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