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Master of Public Health (MPH)

Monitoring and Evaluation Concentration



The School of Health Systems and Public Health (HSPH) at the University of Pretoria is once again pleased to announce a full-time Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in monitoring and evaluation. Applications are currently sought for this program which begins in January 2011.

The MPH degree is an international post-graduate programme for Sub-Saharan professionals who wish to advance their careers in the fields of public health and health systems management. The Monitoring and Evaluation Track is situated within the Biostatistics and Epidemiology group. The programme offers training in quantitative methods for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of population and health programs. All courses are taught in English.

Programme Objectives

- Build quantitative and qualitative skills for planning, monitoring and evaluating population and health programs.
- Increase capacity for monitoring and evaluation among Sub-Saharan African professionals

Outline of the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree

Full-time students usually require 18-24 months to complete coursework and research requirements. The programme can also be attended on a part-time basis. Participants sponsored by MEASURE Evaluation must complete degree requirements in 18 months of full-time study.

The coursework is presented in the form of modules, which last from one to three weeks. Depending on the choice of track or sub-track there is 20-24 weeks of contact time over the entire programme. In addition to the coursework, a dissertation on a research or intervention project is required. Students can currently specialise in any one of six tracks: Epidemiology and Biostatistics (Sub-tracks in Monitoring and Evaluation, and Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training); Health Policy and Management; Environmental and Occupational Health; Disease Control; Health Promotion; and Health Research Ethics.

Modules providing the required credits for the MPH Monitoring and Evaluation Track are pre-selected in the following areas:

- Epidemiology
- Demography
- Health informatics
- Biostatistics
- Qualitative research methods
- Quality assurance

- Program monitoring and evaluation
- Reproductive health
- Research methodology

MEASURE Evaluation Fellowships

MEASURE Evaluation will provide a limited number of fellowships to be awarded through the University of Pretoria. The fellowships will cover the following expenses incurred during the period January 2011 – July 2012: the cost of tuition, books, airfare, research practicum, thesis, health insurance, accommodation, and a living allowance. Applicants for these fellowships should have responsibilities or research interests in the monitoring and evaluation of population, health and nutrition programmes, and must be a citizen of a USAID-assisted country.

MEASURE Evaluation is one of four separate MEASURE projects funded by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to examine the impact of a wide range of activities to improve human health and well-being. MEASURE Evaluation works with USAID and its country missions and collaborating agencies, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations worldwide, to help countries measure their progress in confronting disease, population issues and poverty. MEASURE Evaluation's technical leadership and training programs build the capacity of policy makers and public health leaders to use their knowledge of that progress to improve public policy and health programs. Visit MEASURE Evaluation online at www.cpc.unc.edu/measure.

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For information on the fellowship, please visit http://shsph.up.ac.za/measure_evaluation/home.html

Admission Requirements

To qualify, applicants must be fluent in spoken and written English and have one of the following:

- A four-year bachelor's degree, plus at least two years relevant working experience;
- A three-year degree plus at least five years relevant working experience;
- An honours degree.

Scholarship applicants should apply **directly** to the SHSPH at the University of Pretoria by completing the scholarship application form and sending it to the Project Manager by e-mail (shsph@up.ac.za) with the necessary documents. Visit the the Monitoring and Evaluation webpage (http://shsph.up.ac.za/measure_evaluation/home.html) for more details.

Cost of the Programme

Tuition and fees for the entire programme are approximately \$6,500 excluding fees for books and health insurance.

Important Dates

Applications for admission are due by **31 July 2010**. Scholarship candidates can review whether their application has been successful or not by viewing the Monitoring and Evaluation webpage (http://shsph.up.ac.za/measure_evaluation/home.html) by the end of October 2010. Confirmation of the award of fellowships will also be done in writing.