

The Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology Format

The first semester will include three courses (9 credits) which are compulsory for all students. It is recommended that students also choose an elective gerontology course (3 credits) in semester I.

Semester II will include three courses (9 credits) which are compulsory for all students. It is recommended that students also choose an elective gerontology course (3 credits) in semester II.

SEMESTER I

Fundamentals of Ageing	(3 credits)
Evidence-Based Gerontology	(3 credits)
Built Environment & Ageing	(3 credits)
ELECTIVE	(3 credits)

SEMESTER II

Clinical Aspects of Ageing	(3 credits)
Public Health & Ageing	(3 credits)
Mental Health Aspects of Ageing	(3 credits)
ELECTIVE	(3 credits)

Preparing Leaders and Advocates for Public Health and Gerontology

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Gerontology Programmes

Master of Public Health-Gerontology
Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology

The Master of Public Health-Gerontology will allow health and other professionals to acquire training in public health and gerontology, to understand age-related issues and have the competence to respond to the health and social needs of older persons.

The Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology targets persons actively engaged in ageing-related services and who hold a Bachelor's or equivalent degree.

Qualifications for Admissions to Degree Programmes

Entry Requirements:

Master of Public Health-Gerontology

An undergraduate qualification in health or social work and (2) years of relevant experience

Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology

A Bachelor's qualification in public health, nursing, sociology, social work, physiotherapy or other allied health areas

Participants are selected by a review panel which *may* require applicants to attend an interview.

Objectives:

At the end of the training, participants in the Master of Public Health-Gerontology programme will:

1. Demonstrate mastery of public health principles and practices in the core competencies of research, epidemiology, biostatistics, gerontology and health education/promotion for older persons.

2. Develop a critical appreciation of the key theoretical perspectives within gerontology and their application in the analysis of specific issues related to ageing and well-being of older persons
3. Apply public health principles to solving complex ageing-related issues to improve the lives of older persons, their families and communities
4. Evaluate current policies, programmes and initiatives concerning population ageing
5. Design and conduct research relevant to ageing issues
6. Be competent practitioners capable of working with older persons, their families and communities to maintain functional independence and personal integrity

At the end of the training, participants in the Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology will:

1. Develop a critical appreciation of the key theoretical perspectives within gerontology and their application in the analysis of specific issues related to ageing and well-being of older persons
2. Understand the determinants of demographic transition and the consequences of population ageing
3. Critically assess health and social policies and programmes which impact the lives of older persons, their families and communities
4. Interpret ageing research outputs and apply the evidence to ageing-related issues.
5. Understand the principles and practice of working with older persons, their families and communities.

DURATION:

MPH-Gerontology	12 months
Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontology	9 months

Delivery Mode:

Face to Face / Video Conferencing

The Masters in Public Health-Gerontology Format

The first semester will include core MPH courses and one (1) core gerontology course (17 Credits) which are compulsory for all MPH-Gerontology students. It is recommended that students also choose an elective course (3 credits) in semester I.

SEMESTER I

Biostatistics I	(3 credits)
Research Methods I	(2 credits)
Epidemiology I	(2 credits)
Management I	(3 credits)
Health Education I	(2 credits)
Primary Health Care	(2 credits)
Fundamentals of Ageing	(3 credits)
Elective I	(3 credits)

Semester II will include four courses (12 credits) which are compulsory for all students. It is recommended that students also choose an elective gerontology course (3 credits) in semester II.

SEMESTER II

Management II	(3 credits)
Epidemiology II	(2 credits)
Clinical Aspects of Ageing	(3 credits)
Public Health & Ageing	(3 credits)
Built Environment & Ageing	(3 credits)
Mental Health Aspects of Ageing	(3 credits)
Qualitative Research Processes	(2 credits)
Health Education II	(2 credits)
Disaster Management	(2 credits)
Elective II	(3 credits)

SEMESTER III

Research Methods II – Project Report	(6 credits)
Gerontology Practicum	(0 credits)