

3.17.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies

Please note: This programme is not necessarily offered every year.

Programme Code

13135 – 788(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline such as social sciences, health sciences, development on NQF level 7.
- An average final mark of at least 65% in the relevant subjects, with demonstrated academic ability.
- You must also show evidence of adequate English language and writing proficiency for postgraduate academic studies.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **30 September** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

The programme aims to create a space for a diverse group of students to develop the theoretical and methodological skills necessary to take on the social and political complexities of health and development in Africa. The postgraduate diploma provides a strong conceptual foundation for theoretically and methodologically grounded engagements with applied concerns around health and development, and prepares you for professional work or further academic study.

This programme is hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology in collaboration with the Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, Division of Community Health, in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The purpose of the programme is to develop your capacity to investigate and think critically about a range of questions to do with health and development broadly conceived.

The programme will pair a core set of required modules with methodological and topical electives. You will be assigned an academic advisor, who will ensure that the programme is tailored to meet your specific needs and interests.

Please note: If you want to follow the programme over a period longer than one academic year you can, in consultation with the programme leader, enrol for those modules you want to follow in a particular year.

Duration of Programme

The programme extends over one academic year. Lectures begin in February.

Programme Content

You must select two topical electives and two methods electives from the list below in addition to the compulsory modules. The Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology reserves the right not to offer all elective modules in a particular calendar year.

Compulsory Modules

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| 13187 : Critical Theory for Transdisciplinary Research in Health and Development | 771(30) |
| 13189 : History, Politics and Ethics of Health and Development in Africa | 771(30) |

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Methods Elective Modules

Choose **two** of the following modules.

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| 10265 : Survey Methodology | 771(15) |
| 13138 : Quantitative Data Analysis with SPSS* | 771(15) |
| 13139 : Ethnographic Research Methods | 771(15) |
| 13140 : Qualitative Interviewing Methods and Analysis | 771(15) |
| 13141 : Capita Selecta (Methods) | 771(15) |

* SPSS=Statistical package for the Social Sciences

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Topical Elective Modules

Choose **two** of the following modules.

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| 13143 : Gender Youth and Childhood | 771(15) |
| 13190 : Gender, Race and Health in Modern African History | 771(15) |
| 13142 : Community Development | 771(15) |
| 13144 : Governance and Citizenship | 771(15) |
| 13146 : Capita Selecta (Topics) | 771(15) |

Assessment and Examination

Assessment is done per module as explained in the framework of each individual module.

Enquiries

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