

2.11 Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management

Admission requirements

One of the following:

- An appropriate bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in any of the following: Public Administration, Accounting, Economics, Finance or Commerce
- or
- Any three-year bachelor's degree with a minimum of three years' relevant work experience (preferably at management level) in public finance management.

Further requirement

- Computer literacy: By the time classes start, you must be able to use MS Excel at an intermediate level, as well as MS Word, e-mail and the internet.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit accumulation and transfer (CAT)

If you have successfully completed academic programmes in public financial management at the School of Public Leadership at NQF Level 8, you may be eligible to have those credits transferred to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management. The transferred credits may be worth up to a maximum of 50% of the credits required for this diploma.

For more on RPL/CAT and links to the University's and the Faculty's RPL/CAT regulations, see the chapter "General information" at the beginning of this book.

Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the School, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. Since staff capacity and resources may fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected may also differ from year to year.

Should the applicants who meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of the School, they will be ranked according to the admission requirements to finalise the list of selected applicants.

Application procedure and closing date

- Only online applications will be accepted: Apply at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies.
- You must apply before **15 December** of the year before your intended studies or contact the programme administrator to enquire about late application.
- For more on the application and admission process, see section 1 of this chapter.

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: one year (part-time)

Starting date: March.

Programme's mode of delivery

Hybrid learning.

Further study possibilities

After completing the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management you may apply for admission to the MPA (Master's Degree in Public Administration). A full research proposal needs to accompany your application.

Programme structure

You must attend two contact weeks per semester in Bellville; that is, four contact weeks in total for the year. If enough students from a region register for the PGDip, contact weeks may also be offered at a venue in that region. Contact weeks are supplemented by interactive online sessions.

Enquiries

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Programme content

You must earn 120 credits.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14014	778	120	Public Finance Management	Both

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13385	771	20	Accounting for Decision-making	1
14011	772	20	Auditing and Accountability	2
14010	711	20	Financial and Performance Reporting	2
12939	713	20	Financial Management	1
12276	773	15	Information Technology	2
14013	714	10	Public Finance	1
14012	712	15	Strategic Management and Leadership	1

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