

5.4 Doctoral degrees

5.4.1 Doctor of Philosophy

Specific admission requirements

- You can be admitted to the degree PhD in Medical Sciences provided that:
 - a minimum period of two years has passed since obtaining the degree MBChB or BChD; or
 - you have obtained a relevant honours degree in Medical Sciences directly following an MBChB or BChD degree; or
 - you have obtained a master's degree in Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Nutrition/Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Speech-Language Therapy or Health Related and Social Sciences; or
 - you have obtained a relevant MSc degree (Master of Science) of the University, or another university approved by Senate; or
 - you have obtained another qualification (and have allowed for the required period following the qualification) that is deemed sufficient by Senate.
- You must comply with all the other provisions for doctorates, as stipulated under Postgraduate Qualifications in Part 1 (General) of the Calendar, as well as in the Briefing Document on D degrees.
- You can be admitted to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Health Professions Education (PhD in HPE) provided that:
 - you have obtained a relevant qualification in the Health Sciences and/or have relevant experience in the Health Sciences, and you have been awarded an M degree in Health Professions Education or Higher Education, or you have proven and relevant experience with educational research and/or relevant research in the social sciences; or
 - you have obtained another qualification (and have allowed for the required period following the qualification) that is deemed sufficient by Senate, and you have proven and relevant experience with educational research and/or relevant research in the social sciences.
- You can be admitted to the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical and Research Ethics provided that:
 - you have obtained an MBChB degree or a basic degree in the Health Sciences, a master's degree in the field of Bioethics, the Health Sciences or a relevant field, and a postgraduate diploma in Applied Ethics or Health Research Ethics;

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