

MPhil (Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies)

Please note: Admissions are limited to students who approach the Department through the Desmond Tutu TB Centre and have been in contact with a supervisor before registration.

Programme Codes

13135 – 879(180)

13135 – 899(180)

Specific Admission Requirements

Full thesis option (879):

- A postgraduate diploma in Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies, a related social science Honours degree or a health sciences qualification with proven experience in social science research on NQF level 8.
- An average final mark of at least 65% in the relevant subjects, and with demonstrated academic ability.
- You must also show evidence of adequate English language and writing proficiency for postgraduate academic studies.

Course work option (899):

- A postgraduate diploma or Honours degree at NQF level 8 in an alternate field.
- An average final mark of at least 65% in the relevant subjects, and with demonstrated academic ability or with equivalent professional experience.
- You must also show evidence of adequate English language and writing proficiency for postgraduate academic studies.

Closing Date for Applications

Full thesis option:

- South Africa students
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students
 - Apply by **31 October** of the preceding year.

Coursework option:

- South Africa students
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students
 - Apply by **31 August** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

The programme aims to create a space for a diverse group of students to address the complex social and political challenges of health and development in Africa through theoretical and methodological research.

The specific option that you may register for in this MPhil is dependent on your training.

The first option (879) requires the writing of a thesis containing the results of independent research on a research problem. You must do additional course work in support of the development of a research proposal. Once the proposal is approved by the programme committee, you begin with the research, analysis, and writing.

The second option (899) requires the completion of four modules and a research assignment.

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

Duration of Programme

This programme extends over a minimum period of one academic year. Lectures begin in February.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules

879 (Full thesis option):

13150 : Thesis (Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies)	871(180)
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899 (Coursework option):

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)
13147 : Social Science Methods for Health and Development	871(30)
13148 : Directed Reading for Research Development	871(30)
13149 : Research Assignment (Transdisciplinary Health and Development)	871(60)

Assessment and Examination

879 (Full thesis option):

The thesis is assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University for Master's theses as stipulated in the section on postgraduate qualifications in Part 1 (General) of the Calendar.

899 (Coursework option):

You obtain a mark in each module through flexible assessment by means of essays, reading assignments, group and individual participation, and practical assignments. The research assignment is assessed according to the standard regulations of Stellenbosch University.

Enquiries

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