

PhD

The aims of the programme are to equip candidates to undertake research at the most advanced level, focused on the features and challenges of HSE, particularly in resource-constrained environments.

Duration: 3 to 4 years full-time or 5 to 6 years part-time

Delivery Mode: Two week contact block per annum with ongoing technology assisted work in between. Regular SKYPE tutorials between candidates and main supervisor is a requirement, and with co-supervisors, where possible.

Admission requirements: *A Masters in Health Sciences/Professions Education or equivalent.
*Demonstrated competence on the TOEFL test for applicants who do not hold a degree from an English medium university and/or who are from a country where English is not the official language *Reliable and continuous computer access and connectivity *Students **may be** required to attend selected educational courses as appropriate to the topic of the dissertation, depending on their prior knowledge and experience. Candidates will be expected to undertake extensive reading in preparation for a proposal.

See website for further details:
<http://www.dhse.uct.ac.za/post-grad-qualifications>

PhD applications can be made throughout the year.

The Department of Health Sciences Education

Growing leadership in the professional development and training of health science educators and researchers in the field

We are facing unprecedented challenges in the sphere of health professional education. With the many challenges on the clinical training platform and deciding on whether a student is competent or not, traditional assessment fails us. Our postgraduate programmes will assist you in how to tackle these complex challenges in your practice, as well as health professional education research, in a post Covid-19 world.

The establishment of Department of Health Sciences Education reflects UCT's commitment to advancing the field of health sciences education (HSE) and generating scholarship relevant to Africa and other resource-constrained environments. This initiative is also in keeping with the Faculty's adoption of the Primary Health Care Approach as its lead theme.

As a department, we are committed to doing and using contextually-relevant research to strengthen the science and practice of educating and training health professionals and researchers in the field. Our aim is to ensure that through improved educational and research practices, our graduates are prepared for contextually-relevant clinical practice and research of that practice to help foster clinical excellence. We also strive to collaborate with other groupings engaged in HSE research, teaching and service.

We provide the Faculty with an academic hub for inter-disciplinary and inter-professional education offerings.

Our services include: *Educational development which aligns education, training and health professional practice at both under-and postgraduate levels with all levels of health care delivery; *promotion of excellence in teaching, learning, assessment and curriculum development at all sites of education and training; *development of innovative educational responses to the unique challenges faced in the South African and African contexts.

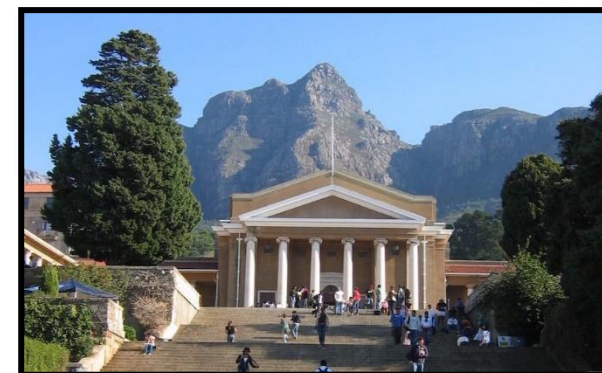
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Do you want to advance your teaching, research and career?

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Postgraduate Diploma HPE

This programme will enable you to reflect critically on the theory and practice of teaching, learning, assessment, course design and curriculum development in Primary Health Care-led health systems and curricula.

The programme consists of the following courses for 2021:

- Teaching and Learning Theories in Health Professional Education
- Learning and Teaching Practice
- Assessment in Health Professional Education
- Curriculum Development and Course Design

Duration: 1 year full time; 2 years part time.

Delivery mode: There are 3 one week long contact blocks with ongoing technology assisted learning in between.

Admission requirements:

- An undergraduate health professional degree or similar
- Registration with a relevant professional body
- Six months' teaching experience in a healthcare context
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Basic computer literacy
- Reliable and continuous computer access and internet connectivity
- Applicants may be considered on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Deadline for applications: 31 October

The wonderful complexities of Health Sciences Education

The challenges facing health sciences education (HSE) are complex, particularly so in resource-constrained environments.

On the African continent most of the few Master's programmes in the field of HSE are coursework programmes that are more focused on developing participants as educational practitioners rather than as researchers. As such, there is a great need for highly qualified researchers who both understand and are committed to the improvement of HSE, and consequently health care, in resource- constrained environments.

The University of Cape Town offers you a rich, socially-responsive, research-intensive environment in which to further your studies. You will interact with and enjoy supervision from committed and passionate researchers from a variety of professions, including health, who also hold qualifications in HSE.

The Faculty of Health Sciences, which holds Primary Health Care as its lead theme, prides itself on having a critical mass of researchers who hold doctorates in HSE. In line with this, we offer one of the few HSE doctoral programmes on the African continent.

In 2021, we seek to particularly attract candidates in the following areas:

Learning effects of assessment; portfolio-based learning and assessment; workplace based learning and assessment; assessment generally; clinical teaching; faculty development (particularly the impact of and theory informing effective faculty development); research skills development; medical simulation; socially responsive and accountable clinical/health professional education and training; discourse and communication in the health sciences. *Should you wish to pursue a different research interest, this can be negotiated if supervisory capacity is available.*



MPhil by dissertation

This programme aims to educate and train researchers from diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds, enabling them to understand and research complex issues and challenges pertinent to HSE, particularly in resource-constrained environments. You will be equipped with appropriate in-depth theoretical knowledge and the methodological skills necessary to undertake rigorous research at an advanced level.

Duration: 2 years full-time or 3 years part-time

Delivery Mode: Two week contact block per annum with ongoing technology assisted work in between. Regular SKYPE tutorials between candidates and main supervisor is a requirement, and with co-supervisors, where possible.

Admission requirements:

*PG Dip HPE or (equivalent) *Demonstrated competence on the TOEFL test for applicants who do not hold a degree from an English medium university and/or who are from a country where English is not the official language
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