

PHARMACEUTICAL PUBLIC HEALTH

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

This is an exciting time for public health and pharmacy professionals to build their skills in Pharmaceutical Public Health. Pharmaceuticals are critical components of health systems and the increasing burden of chronic non-communicable diseases, as well as HIV/AIDS, has highlighted the need for innovative approaches to manage pharmaceuticals in Africa.



The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is unique among African institutions and has been offering face-to-face short courses and accredited Masters-level online distance learning modules related to Pharmaceutical Public Health since 2014. These modules can be taken within the existing Master of Public Health (MPH) programme or as individual Continuing Education modules.

In 2019 we will offer **Pharmaceutical Policy and Management** and **Rational Medicines Use short courses** at Winter School in July and online/distance semester modules from July-September 2019. The **Pharmaceutical Policy and Management Course** will introduce participants to pharmaceutical policy and management issues within health systems. It will provide a foundation for pharmaceutical policy analysis, policy development and implementation skills at country and local levels. Selected areas include quality of medical products, antimicrobial resistance, human resources and corruption. The **Rational Medicines Use Course** will introduce the rational medicines use concept and a range of tools to investigate and promote rational medicines use. The course this year will have a particular focus on antibiotic resistance and stewardship. See overleaf for more details of short courses and online modules offered in 2019 and **new fee structure**.

Teachers come from UWC Schools of Public Health and Pharmacy, Boston University School of Public Health, USA, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium and South African provincial and national health departments. Past students have come from all over Africa, most South African provinces and from government, NGO and the private sectors.

By studying these topics you will learn skills to promote rational use and advise on access to quality assured medicines policies. The courses emphasize practical skills that can be immediately translated into the workplace. Alongside these activities our research programme in Pharmaceutical Public Health at UWC is growing, with increasing numbers of MPH and doctoral students focusing in this area.



Further details:

Winter School Short Courses 2019

These face-to-face one week short courses may be taken alone or collaboration with online/distance modules.

Pharmaceutical Policy and Management Course (1-5 July 2019)

Rational Medicine Use Course (8-12 July 2019)

Cost per short course: R4,800 South Africans; US\$350 Internationals with African citizenship or working in Africa; US\$600 Other internationals. **Note:** cost covers 5-day tuition and lunches only, excludes travel, accommodation & all other expenses.

Brochure: http://www.uwcsoph.co.za/images/short_courses/WS_2019.pdf

Application Form: In Brochure, on Website or link below

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeipLAIYzGn3MW1hQtIzbnU7SbmnBNsl3zLv-h2rqSsl0fnIA/viewform>

Application Deadline: 5th April 2019 (for late applications contact hbradley@uwc.ac.za)

Online/Distance Learning MPH and Continuing Education Modules 2019

These online modules may be taken as individual accredited continuing education modules or as part of the Master of Public Health. They run over one semester (approx. 15 weeks) and comprise online materials with weekly activities, discussion forums and two written assignments. Each module fulfils 15 credits (150 learning hours) at Masters-level. Participants typically come from South Africa, other sub-Saharan African countries and beyond.

Pharmaceutical Policy and Management Module

Duration: 1 semester (July – November 2019)

Target group: Policy makers and advisors, managers responsible for policy implementation, consultants and academics with an interest in policy implementation and management.

Cost per module: R5,000 South Africans; US\$350 Internationals with African citizenship; US\$950 Internationals without African citizenship.

Rational Medicine Use Module

Duration: 1 semester (July – November 2019)

Target group: Health professionals, including pharmacists, doctors and nurses from the public (government) and private sectors and NGOs working at national, provincial, district and facility levels involved in managing and improving the use of medicines.

Cost per module: R5,000 South Africans; US\$350 Internationals with African citizenship; US\$950 Internationals without African citizenship.

Admission requirements for online/distance modules: Possession of a relevant professional qualification at Bachelors (Hons) level (equivalent to South African NQF 8).

Application Deadline: 31 May 2019

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