



Postgraduate Diploma in Health Economics

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is critical in the pursuit of equitable and sustainable health systems, and is recognized as a key target within the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Economics focuses on the contribution of economic evaluation and strategic purchasing in the journey towards UHC, and aims to provide candidates with theoretical understandings and practical skills within the context of South Africa's proposed 'National Health Insurance' reform.

Applications are invited for this diploma commencing in February 2019, which runs over two years on a part-time basis. This is a mixed mode diploma. During Year 1, 4 online modules are offered (1. introduction to health economics; 2. the economics of health systems; 3. priority setting and health care decision making; & 4. key features of economic evaluation) together with a 2 week contact block that focuses on economic evaluation. During Year 2, online modules include: 1. economic evaluation for health care decision making; 2. strategic purchasing; 3. strategic purchasing – influencing providers & 4. strengthening progress to universal coverage. The 2 week contact block focuses on strategic purchasing.

The diploma is designed for graduates in social or health sciences, and is aimed primarily at full time employees of national/provincial/local government (Departments of Health and Finance), health insurance schemes, the pharmaceutical industry and international organisations.

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