Rules for the Advanced University Diploma in Health Studies

**A57 Admission requirements**

To be registered for the Advanced University Diploma in Health Studies, students must:

(a) hold at least a senior or school leaving certificate with at least five subjects on Higher and/or Standard Grade or quality for an exemption certificate or conditional exemption certificate issued by the Matriculation Board of the Committee of University Principals – see G13 in Part 1 of the Calendar and

(b) Registered nurses must annually submit proof of their current registration with a Nursing Council.

(c) Only students already in the system may register for modules in within this qualification.

**NB**

- A certified copy of the student’s senior or school leaving certificate must accompany his/her FIRST application for registration.
- Students who do not hold a senior or school leaving certificate must submit evidence that they hold one of the certificates under G13(d), and (e) in Part 1 of the Calendar or qualify for one of those under G13(c) together with their FIRST application for registration.
- See A14: Admission to study in Part 1 of the Calendar in connection with applications for a certificate of exemption, conditional exemption or exemption by virtue of qualifications obtained in foreign countries.

**A58 Phasing out of the Advanced University Diploma in Health Studies**

The Advanced University Diploma in Health Studies will only be offered until the end of 2010 when all current students should have completed the qualification.

**A59 Curriculum**

**New Curriculum (from 2007)**

(a) Advanced University Diploma in Health Studies (Community Health) with specialisation in Occupational Health (specialisation code: OCC) OR Gerontology (specialisation code: GER) OR Clinical Nursing Science, Health Assessment, Treatment and Care (specialisation code: CNS) (03387)

**NB**

This Advanced Diploma will be discontinued. The last new registrations were in 2008. Students have until the end of 2010 to complete the Advanced Diploma.

This Diploma is only accessible to professional nurses registered with a professional registering body such as the South African Nursing Council. Completion of the diploma will enable nurses to register (an) additional qualification(s) with the South African Nursing Council as a community health nurse and/or a gerontological nurse and/or an occupational health nurse and/or a clinical nurse.

Students who completed the modules marked with an asterisk (*) will be able to register as a community health nurse with SANC. SANC may require a midwifery qualification before registration.

**Curriculum**

The curriculum comprises 20 modules.

**FIRST LEVEL**

This level comprises the following 10 modules:

- CMH1501*: Comprehensive primary health care 1 (Community Health 1501) (12 credits)
- CMH1502*: Comprehensive primary health care 2 (Community Health 1502) (12 credits)
- CMH1503*: Health and the environment (Community Health 1503) (12 credits)
- DVA101Q: Introduction to development studies (Development Studies 101) (12 credits)
- IOP101M: Psychological processes in work context (Industrial and Organisational Psychology 101) (Compulsory for students who choose to specialise in Occupational Health) (12 credits)
- SOC2068: Sociology of families and social problems (Sociology 2068) (12 credits)
IOP102N : Personality in work context (Industrial and Organisational Psychology 102) (Compulsory for students who choose to specialise in Occupational Health) (12 credits)
CMH1504 : Pharmacological principles (Community Health 1504) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH1076 : Clinical management: Adult Patient (Theory) (Community Health 1076) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH1088 : Clinical management: Adult Patient (Practica) (Community Health 1088) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH2601* : Community health practica (Community Health 2601) (12 credits)
CMH2602* : Health in communities (Community Health 2602) (12 credits)

SECOND LEVEL

This level comprises the following 10 modules:

CMH218D : Pharmacology for health workers (Community Health 218) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH219E : Pharmacology: management of drugs (Community Health 219) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
PYC206B : HIV/AIDS care and counselling (Psychology 206)
RSC201H* : Research in the social sciences (Research in the Social Sciences 201) (12 credits)
CMH3701 : Basic epidemiology in health sciences (Community Health 3701) (12 credits)
NUD2119* : Nursing dynamics (12 credits)

plus 4 modules in ONE of the fields of specialisation:

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

IOP206V : Ergonomics (Industrial and Organisational Psychology 206)
HMA2601 : Human resource management in health services (Health Services Management 2601)
CMH3016 : Occupational health theory (Community Health 3016) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH313B : Occupational health: theory (Community Health 313B) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)

or

GERONTOLOGY

HMA3701 : Financial management in health services (Health Services Management 3701) (12 credits)
HMA3702 : Quality in health services management (Health Services Management 3702) (12 credits)
CMH3028 : Gerontology theory (Community Health 3028) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH314B : Gerontology: practica (Community Health 314) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)

or

CLINICAL NURSING SCIENCE, HEALTH ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT AND CARE

CMH2206 : Clinical management: female patient (Theory) (Community Health 2206) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH2218 : Clinical management: female patient (Practica) (Community Health 2218) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH2229 : Clinical management: paediatric patient (Theory) (Community Health 2229) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)
CMH223A : Clinical management: paediatric patient (Practica) (Community Health 223) (12 credits) (phasing out in 2010)

A60 Practica

(1) To comply with the requirements for registration with the South African Nursing Council, practica work is required for:
  - Community Health
  - Occupational Health Nursing
  - Gerontological Nursing
  - Health Services Management
  - Health Sciences Education
  - Clinical Nursing Science, Health Assessment, Treatment and Care
(2) A practica component is required for registration with the SA Nursing Council and is offered as a year module, namely:
  - Community Health Practica
  - Clinical management: Adult Patient (Practica)
  - Clinical management: female patient (Practica)
  - Pharmacology: Management of drugs
  - Clinical management: paediatric patient (Practica)
  - Occupational health: practica
  - Gerontology: practica
  - Health services management: laboratory work (Practica)
  - Health sciences education: practica
The practica modules should be completed simultaneously with or after the corresponding modules of the previous academic level.

Students will not be allowed to register for the third-year course, before the relevant practica has been completed.

Exemption from the required practica, will be considered on condition that the student submit acceptable proof of relevant and recent practical experience in that particular field.

Students who have previously been registered for courses in the Department of Health Studies and who have not yet completed all aspects of the required practica, (previously known as laboratory work), will have to register for the relevant practica modules.

Students living and/or working in countries outside of South Africa, are required to, on an individual basis, negotiate arrangements for the required practica with the Chair of the Department.

**A61 Pass, pass with distinction and subminimum**

1. Pass
   See Rule G22 in Part 1 of the Calendar.

2. Pass with distinction
   Candidates shall be awarded the diploma with distinction if they obtain at least 75% average in Courses I and II (or the equivalent in modules) in the major subject for the Diploma. The major subjects are Community Health (CMH), Health Services Management (HMA) or Health Sciences Education (HSE).

3. Subminimum
   See Rule G23 in Part 1 of the Calendar.