



Postgraduate Diploma in Health Leadership



The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Leadership is offered by the School of Public Health. This dedicated health leadership management programme has a highly reputable track-record, with over 200 alumni working at different levels and positions in the public sector health system. In 2019 the programme turned 25 years & one of the Course Convenors Associate Professor Maylene Shung King is one of the alumnis as she was part of the first class in 1994.

This programme offers innovative perspectives and approaches for those who will be leading health system change towards universal health coverage. It addresses the politics of priority setting and organisational change and priority setting at every level of the health system, recognising that policy implementation and system change always requires leadership that stretches from the periphery to the centre. Given the importance of teams in every health setting, it requires participants to work with their teams in innovative workplace based activities, to consolidate learning and enhance overall workplace capacity.

The Diploma comprises 4 sequenced and inter-related courses that draw from the interdisciplinary fields of health systems, health policy analysis, health economics, and public management, and will require sustained engagement with workplace settings, and will benefit: •current aspiring health managers, who may be working in generalist or clinical management roles, at any level of the health system • those working in or with, the public sector, in South Africa or from other African countries, and who have a commitment to creating public value and to life-long learning • teams of managers from particular settings.

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