

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (PDPM)

Programme Overview

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management is aimed at equipping graduates and public servants with key management and leadership skills to effectively manage policies, programmes, projects, people, performance, quality and finances to improve service delivery.

The purpose of the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management is to:

- Equip students with management competencies to improve service delivery in the public and development sectors
- Enable students to apply management principles, appropriate models, and processes in public and development sector organisations
- Provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their skills and learn about new areas of public and development sector management
- Equip students with fundamental research principles, methodologies and techniques
- Analyse, develop and manage institutional and public policy process
- Conduct strategic planning process and align organisational strategies with policies, programmes, budgets and projects
- Manage public and development sector projects
- Conduct appropriate management interventions to improve the quality of the service delivery in public and development sector institution

Core Modules

- Strategic Management in the Public Sector
- Advanced Public Human Resource Management
- Advanced Public Project Management
- Fundamentals of Research
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public Finance

Electives

(Choice of two, based on student numbers)

- Negotiation and Conflict Management
- Labour Relations
- Quality and Customer Service Management
- Change Management
- Education Curriculum Management
- Mentoring and Coaching

Exit Level Outcomes

Upon completion of this programme, you will be able to:

Display an understanding of public and development sector transformation challenges in South Africa

The emphasis of the module assessment is on practical application. Students may be required to work as individuals or in teams/syndicates, and will be required to address work-based challenges or relevant case study-based questions.

Organisation-specific projects and presentations may also be used to assess the module outcomes in an integrated manner.

Entry Requirements

- NQF 7 Level degree or diploma
- Relevant work experience

Programme Structure

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management is an NQF Level 8 qualification, with 120 credits.

This qualification is offered over a period of 18 months.