

## SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMMES

We currently offer short learning programmes (SLPs) designed to provide further knowledge and skills to practitioners in the humanitarian field or those interested in the field. Our SLPs are a great opportunity to study a specific subject or field in a quick, easy, and affordable manner. It is also a great way to improve your curriculum vitae. UFS-DiMTEC currently offers six SLPs. Most of them are registered with SAQA and pegged at NQF Level 5.

UFS-DiMTEC can conduct the training on site (at your place of work if you have the necessary facilities and also if there are 16 participants or more). Some of the courses can also be offered on any of our campuses and online.

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## ABOUT

### UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE – DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRE FOR AFRICA (UFS-DiMTEC)

UFS-DiMTEC is an education, training, and research centre within the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences on the Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State in South Africa. At DiMTEC, we strive to educate the public on disaster risk reduction and resilience building through a Postgraduate Diploma, Master's and PhD degrees in Disaster

Management, research projects, and short learning programmes (SLPs). DiMTEC's first course was approved and registered by the South African Qualifications Authority in 2001, after which we joined the Department of Agricultural Economics with the vision of becoming an independent centre, which came about in 2005.

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## VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognised centre of excellence in disaster management training, education, and research.

## MISSION

Our mission is to equip and produce professionals in disaster management who actively contribute to disaster risk reduction and management in order to build resilience as constituted in the United Nations, regional, and national frameworks. We also engage in disaster risk reduction and disaster management consultancy projects and research that is in line with environmental, social, economic, and political changes. We endeavour to succeed in our mission through professional academics and support staff, recent technology, and state-of-the-art facilities.



## VALUES

**Humanity** – to treat everybody with dignity and respect

**Inclusiveness in diversity** – DiMTEC prides itself on embracing diversity in unity

**Innovation** – to advance scientific knowledge through innovative teaching, learning, and research

**Excellence** – to continually pursue opportunities that optimise value for our activities

**Professionalism** – to uphold professionalism in everything we do

**DiMTEC first** – to put the centre before any personal interest

**Ubuntu** – to conscientise the fact that 'I am here because you are there'.

## WHO SHOULD ENROL?

Disaster Management requires a holistic approach, with a wide variety of specialists to solve complex disaster management problems. A multi-disciplinary team is therefore deemed necessary. This programme is a necessity for people working in the field of disaster, risk, and emergency management in either the public or private sectors, e.g.:

Disaster risk managers | Paramedics | Departmental line functionaries | Agricultural officers | Military officers | Health officers | Fire, traffic, municipal personnel | Town planners | Police officers | Trauma officials | IT managers | Communication officials | Environmentalists | Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) | Community-based organisations (CBOs) | Psychologists | Private security and rescue | Anthropologists | Human resources | Educators

## APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Prospective students are requested to apply online through the university's website: [www.ufs.ac.za/prospective](http://www.ufs.ac.za/prospective). All applications must be submitted on or before 30 September each year prior to the upcoming academic year, which begins in January/February. Only a limited number of students are selected.

## REGISTRATION AND STUDY FEES

A formal quotation can be obtained on the university's website [www.ufs.ac.za/kovsielife/student-finance](http://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsielife/student-finance) or from the university's finance department: +27 51 401 9537.

## OUR QUALIFICATIONS

### POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT *PGDipDM | 120 credits*

Our PGDip is at NQF Level 8 with an entrance level of NQF 7. It entails eight subjects: four in the first and four in the second semester. This qualification will equip learners with strategic and operational skills to plan for and manage disaster risks and reduction. Upon completion of this qualification, the student will be able to work as a practitioner at a managerial level within government, private sector, or non-governmental organisation. Full-time students will be able to complete the qualification in one year, while part-time students will be able to complete it in two years. Students will have to attend three compulsory contact sessions each year for one week per contact session.

### MASTER OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT *MDM | 180 credits*

With this qualification, learners will obtain advanced knowledge and practical research skills after completing two electives and a supervised research project on their topic of interest. Full-time students will be able to complete the qualification in one year, while part-time students will be able to complete it in two years. Students will have to attend two or three compulsory contact sessions each year for one to two weeks per contact session, as well as a compulsory practical examination.

### PHD IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT *PhDDM | 360 credits*

With A PhD, you will become an esteemed expert in your chosen area of study, having done extensive supervised research. Some PGDipDM and MDM subjects may be recommended to a student in order to register for a PhDDM (depending on where the previous master's was obtained). During or upon completion of your study, you are expected to present a paper at a recognised national or international conference, as well as to publish one article in an accredited journal. The study period is a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years.