



ABOUT US

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

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 educate the public on disaster risk reduction and resilience building through a Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and PhD degree 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 Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences 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 disaster management 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 as well as research aligned with environmental, social, economic, and political changes. We endeavour to succeed in our mission through professional academics, 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 disasters, 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

Prospective students are requested to apply online through the University website: <https://apply.ufs.ac.za/Application/Start>. All applications must be submitted on or before **30 September** each year before 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 website www.ufs.ac.za/kovsielife/student-finance or from the Universities finance department: **+27 (0) 51 401 9537**.

OUR QUALIFICATIONS

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT | PGDipDM | 120 credits

Our PGDip is at NQF level 8 with an entry-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 completing this qualification, the student will be able to work as a practitioner at a managerial level within the government, private sector, or non-governmental organisations. Full-time students will be able to complete the qualification in one year, while part-time students will complete it in two years. Students must 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 supervised research 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, the learner will become an esteemed expert in their chosen study area, having done extensive supervised research. Some PGDipDM and MDM subjects may be recommended to a student to register for a PhDDM (Depending on where the previous Masters was obtained). During or on completion of the PhD, the candidate is expected to present a paper at a recognised national or international conference, as well as publish one article in an accredited journal. The study period is a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years.

SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMMES

We currently offer short learning programmes (SLPs) designed to provide further knowledge and skills to practitioners in the humanitarian field or 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 6 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 if there are 16 participants and above). We can also offer some courses at any of our campuses and online.

**Please email Dr Raphela or Mrs Gonya for a quote.*

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