



DIVISION HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION

Welcome to the DHSE

The Division of Health Sciences Education (DHSE) is situated within the Faculty of Health Sciences and plays a crucial role in training healthcare professionals to become health professional educators. Its unique position at the intersection of healthcare and education makes it the driving force behind this transformative journey. At the heart of our mission is the recognition that healthcare professionals, while proficient in their chosen fields, require specialised training in the application of educational philosophy, principles, and practices within the unique context of healthcare.



Our Vision

We aspire to achieve excellence in healthcare and scholarship by nurturing a community of innovative, adaptable healthcare educators. We aim to grow individuals who seamlessly integrate evidence-based practices into their teaching, contributing to a future of exceptional healthcare.

Our Mission

The DHSE aims to achieve impact through commitment. Through our programmes and initiatives, we empower individuals to make a lasting impact on the healthcare landscape.

Our Values and Guiding Principles

We promote *care* by respecting dignity and promoting the holistic well-being of all. *Accountability* is our cornerstone, demonstrated through an unwavering commitment to social justice, transparency, integrity, and sustainability. Embracing *inclusivity*, we value diversity and actively work towards increasing accessibility for all. *Creativity* thrives within our community as we inspire innovation and adaptability in our approach. Fostering *professionalism* is not just a goal but a way of life at DHSE, achieved through constructive, collaborative communication and active engagement within scholarly communities.

Focus areas

- ♥ POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
- ♥ RESEARCH
- ♥ FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Postgraduate programmes

Postgraduate programmes offered by DHSE provide pathways for healthcare professionals to obtain educational qualifications and grow the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Health Professions. The content covers various topics, including curriculum design and delivery, teaching, learning and assessment practices, quality assurance and educational management, research, and professional skills.

We offer the following training and qualifications:

- ♥ PhD in HPE (BC895100)
- ♥ M HPE (Coursework and mini dissertation) (BC870200)
- ♥ M HPE (Dissertation) (BC883700)
- ♥ PGDip in HPE (BC850200)

Modules are also offered to academic staff members of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the UFS as Occasional studies.

Programme modules

MODULES YEAR 1 (compulsory coursework)

- ♥ Health Professions Education and Training.
- ♥ Teaching, learning and assessment in the pre-clinical, clinical and internship years.
- ♥ Research in health professions.

MODULES YEAR 2 (elective coursework)

- ♥ Community Service Learning, Inter-disciplinary Education and Primary Health Care.
- ♥ Development of professional skills in the Health Professions.
- ♥ Management in Health Professions Education and Health Care Institutions.
- ♥ Quality assurance in Health Professions Education.
- ♥ Programme development, design and assessment for Health Professions Education and Training.
- ♥ Concepts of learning in Health Sciences.

Research

Continuous change and development in healthcare and education require relevant, ethical, and transformative research to provide evidence for developing theory and pioneering practices in health sciences education.

Educational research activities involve initiating, conducting, supporting, and facilitating research in the field of Health Professions Education.

Faculty Development

Academic staff responsible for training the next generation of healthcare professionals need support to remain responsive to the changing healthcare needs of society, numerous stakeholders (including patients and regulators), and the higher education and service delivery environments. Faculty development initiatives focus on developing research, educational, and leadership expertise and emphasise innovative educational approaches.

The DHSE Faculty Development has the following focus areas:

- ♥ Professional Development
- ♥ Technology in Teaching
- ♥ Train the Trainers
- ♥ Journal Club
- ♥ Research Growth
- ♥ Newly Appointed Lecturers Course

Contact us

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