

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Doctor of Policing qualification is to enable students to develop in-depth, advanced discipline-specific skills and applied competence in Policing to provide opportunities for continued personal intellectual growth, productive economic activity and making a rewarding contribution to society.

The qualification aims to empower students to solve complex policing-related problems in a focused way, to effectively manage and allocate resources, to communicate effectively and to contribute to knowledge.

The qualification endeavours to provide Southern Africa with highly skilled individuals, particularly from disadvantaged communities in order to ensure that the leadership base of innovative and knowledge-based economic and scholarly activity are strengthened and diversified.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a mark of 65% or higher for the research component
- a minimum of five (5) years work experience in a managerial capacity
- Initial research proposal

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Application form (online)
- Comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV)
- Certified academic transcripts and copies of certificates

IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING

- be proficient in English;
- be computer literate;
- have access to the internet;
- have a personal computer or laptop; and
- have conducted academic research before.

** Should an applicant apply with a postgraduate diploma in policing on NQF level 9 (minimum 120 credits), please note that he/she must also have a B-degree.*

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Wi-Fi: Reliable broadband Internet access (Wi-Fi is available on all of our campuses, but you may prefer access from home as well).
- Web browser: Edge/Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.
- Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software. Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- PDF Viewer: The free Adobe Acrobat software.
- Scanning documents: Ability to scan and upload documents (typically from your cellphone or smartphone).
- Email/cellphone for notification and communication.
- Communication: A cellphone or smartphone for receiving notifications and communication.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

THESIS

Structure of the Doctor of Policing Qualification: Thesis

Phase 1: Proposal

- Assignment 1: Submission of proposal
- Assignment 2: Defence of proposal

Phase 2: Completion of research and thesis

- Assignment 3: Completion of thesis
- Assignment 4: Presentation to panel

Phase 3: Examination of the thesis

- Handing in the thesis
- Marking and final submission
- Marking, presentation and results

PHASE 1: PRE-CANDIDATURE	PHASE 2: CANDIDATURE	PHASE 3: EXAMINATION	PHASE 4: GRADUATION
• Consultation - research ideas • Submission of application • Application vetting • Proposal workshop • Admission & registration • Proposal writing • Defence of proposal	• Supervisor-student memorandum of understanding and progress reports • Becoming a doctoral candidate • Attending colloquia and workshops • Pre-examination symposium • Examination preparation	• Simultaneous assessment by three (3) external examiners • Examination feedback • Viva Voce (final defence of thesis) • Doctoral Research Committee approval of results • Appeal	Graduation process: The graduation process follows.
CREDITS 360			

* The order of registered modules will follow the curriculum outline.

* Editing is compulsory for the dissertation. Editing services will be for the students own account. A list of optional editors will be provided to students on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

* Students must attend a compulsory 5 day workshop on acceptance.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Doctor of Policing qualification will provide Southern Africa, the policing environment and the field of justice and society with researchers who have specialised knowledge and practical skill in a research area from which the institution can research the highest level, thereby contributing to the national development agenda.