

Master's in Health Information Management – Call for Applications

The master's degree programme in Health Information Management is a collaborative postgraduate master's programme jointly offered by

- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)
- University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (HNU).

Admission requirements:

- Successful completion of a university first degree in the subjects of Business Administration, Health care or Information Management or other relevant subjects that qualifies for admission into a master's programme depending to the national regulations of the three participating countries (e.g. in Germany at least 210 credit points; an honours or 4 year degree in South Africa)
- At least two years of relevant practical experience in the healthcare sector, e.g. hospital, pharmaceutical company or any other health care organization or non-governmental organization or ministry dealing with health
- Good English language skills

For UWC applicants, please send your application to Mrs Womba Mwaba, [wmwaba\(at\)uwc.ac.za](mailto:wmwaba(at)uwc.ac.za) that include:

- a motivation letter
- updated CV
- certified copies of the university degrees/diploma and academic transcripts
- Certification of English ability (able to take interactive part in lectures, write academic papers and read academic texts in English) through a university or independent organization. This is not required where your prior qualifications were offered in English.

The closing date for this application is 28th August, 2015

For further information, contact:

Applicants residing in Germany to Mrs Kamer Kartalbas-Aksoy, [him\(at\)hs-neu-ulm.de](mailto:him(at)hs-neu-ulm.de)

Applicants residing in South Africa to Mrs Womba Mwaba, [wmwaba\(at\)uwc.ac.za](mailto:wmwaba(at)uwc.ac.za)

Applicants residing in Tanzania to [dpgs\(at\)muhas.ac.tz](mailto:dpgs(at)muhas.ac.tz)

The tuition fees are:

- for students registering at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa: Approximately R 33,000.00
- for foreign students expenses are incurred



The master's programme in Health Information Management is partly funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The funding includes costs for international flights to the two other countries and accommodation during the two teaching blocks abroad.

In addition to the tuition fees, the following are explicitly not included in the funding and the tuition fees and must be financed by the students themselves:

- costs for visa
- medical prophylaxes (e.g. for malaria)
- health insurance
- travel and accommodation costs for the teaching block in the home country
- food and other living costs during the three teaching blocks

The main characteristics of this programme are:

- learning to optimize the operative and strategic business processes of a healthcare organization with the means of modern ICT
- you are part of an international study group with students from Tanzania, South Africa and Germany
- lectures will take place in Tanzania, South Africa and Germany
- 4 semester's programme: Three teaching semesters and one semester for the thesis
- blended Learning approach: Full-time face-to-face teaching and eLearning combined
- blocked full-time teaching during the three teaching semesters to 3-4 weeks to allow health professionals and practitioners to attend

Next cohort time schedule: (subject to confirmation/change)

Block 1: Nov 9 – Dec 5, 2015 at HNU in Neu-Ulm/Germany

Block 2: Feb 29 – Mar 19, 2016 at UWC in Cape Town/South Africa

Block 3: Aug 22 – Sep 10, 2016 at MUHAS in Dar es Salaam/Tanzania

Benefits of the Programme

Health Information Management is the management of ICT to collect, store, process, retrieve, analyse, disseminate and communicate information related to the planning, provision, research and evaluation of healthcare services.

Health Information Management is a challenging field of work involving the application of clinical knowledge, aspects of information technology, database management and administration.

The international master's degree combines information management, healthcare management, business administration, and health informatics and integrates intercultural communication and personal leadership competencies and addresses professionals in healthcare/hospital management.



What does Health Information Manager (HIMs) do?

The health information professional plays a vital role in the management of information resources and/or technologies that support clinical, administrative and financial information systems in health care.

- HIMs design and manage information systems in the healthcare system.
- HIMs collect and generate records and reports about patients who are being treated by doctors and other clinicians.
- HIMs use their clinical knowledge of disease and surgical procedures, technical knowledge of computer systems and databases and their management skills to set up and monitor these systems.
- HIMs also play a key role in the security and legal use of people's medical records and health information by establishing appropriate procedures and handling and protecting personal data.