Bachelor of Public Health Honours
The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)

This programme aims for students to develop critical and analytic skills as applied to contemporary global public health and health science studies and research. It provides students with advanced knowledge in specific areas of public health and health science from a global context. The programme develops students’ ability to do research in the public health science domain. This entails the writing of a research proposal, applying suitable research methods, data collection and analysis techniques, to report findings, to draw conclusions and to make recommendations.

The outcomes for this qualification are aligned with the skills demands and the provision of a sound theoretical base. Students who have successfully completed the programme will be able to:

- Critically examine contemporary public health issues within a global context.
- Critically review the scientific literature relevant to their discipline.
- Describe the processes involved in the design, development and implementation of a research project.
- Develop a proposal for a research project and apply for ethics committee approval.
- Execute and analyse a research project, or a set of studies.
- Write up scientific work in a report suitable for publication.

What is this Degree’s accreditation status?

The IIE Bachelor of Public Health Honours (BPH(Hons)) is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a 120-credit qualification on level 8 (SAQA ID:93589).

Who is the Bachelor of Public Health Honours degree aimed at?

The aim of the course is to advance students' knowledge and competencies in the main areas of their chosen field of specialisation. The curriculum covers a wide scope of scholastic activities and integrates theoretical knowledge, research competencies and applied skills relevant to the specialisation field. By exposing learners to the latest trends in the theory, research and practice in these domains, the programme enhances their abilities to conceptualise and analyse critically various aspects of the specialisation field in a multicultural context. An integral part of the programme is the completion of a research project which will equip students with the necessary skills to conduct research and to present and disseminate findings.
What entry requirements will I need to study this degree?

To be registered you must have satisfied the admission requirements set out below:

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<td>A relevant NQF 7 with an average of 60% or more in the third-year modules in the subject in which the student wants to specialise.</td>
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<td>International</td>
<td>A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field. Students must be in possession of a valid study visa.</td>
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Students who do not meet the admission requirements may be eligible for admission via alternate means such as RPL. Please enquire at the campus for assistance.

Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change.

How is this Honours’ degree structured at The IIE MSA?

The IIE Bachelor of Public Health Honours degree (BPH(Hons)) is a one-year degree. The academic year runs from February to November. The modules are delivered on a full-time basis with lectures and tutorials being scheduled during the day from Monday to Friday.

Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE’s curriculum is reviewed annually thus changes may occur in module structure and sequence in order to ensure that the qualification remains relevant. The exit level outcomes of the programme do not change. Registered students receive an updated programme curriculum on an annual basis.

What about timetables?

The IIE Bachelor of Public Health Honours can be completed in 1-year full-time, or 2-years on a part-time basis. The academic year runs from February to November.

As far as possible timetabling is designed to accommodate student needs, but timetables remain subject to change throughout the year. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that timetable structures will remain the same during the course of your studies. Class attendance is compulsory.

What must I pass in order to graduate?

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for each module of the programme and have met all other requirements.
How long do I have to complete this qualification?

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this qualification if you are registered full time.

With what qualification will I graduate?

You will graduate with The IIE Bachelor of Public Health Honours degree (SAQA ID: 93589).

Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed this Bachelor’s degree?

As well as providing career opportunities in health promotion and policy and public health sciences, the Bachelor of Public Health (Honours) provides a pathway to postgraduate programmes and higher research degrees.

Would it be possible to study further and obtain a postgraduate qualification once I have completed The IIE Bachelor of Social Science Honours degree?

The IIE Bachelor of Public Health Honours degree is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) at level 8 – the same level as other equivalent honours degree at both private and public South African institutes of higher education. The opportunity to apply for a postgraduate certificate/diploma or Master’s degree at any South African university or higher education institution exists subject to meeting their specific programme entrance criteria.

It is important to remember that your academic results remain a key factor when applying for further studies.

Call the IIE MSA campus to discuss your career options with one of our Student Advisors.
Tel: +27 11 950 4009 or email enquiries@iiemsaco.za

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British Accreditation Council

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

The IIE MSA students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.