

Call for applications

Child Protection in Emergencies

Post Graduate Diploma

The School of Built Environment and Development Studies in the College of Humanities at the University of KwaZulu-Natal offers an 18 month part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection in Emergencies.

The first cohort of students started in January 2015 and will be completing the course in June 2016. The initial offering of the Diploma was premised on an academic/practitioner partnership in collaboration with UNICEF, the Global Level Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) and Save the Children UK. Based on the success of the first course, the University of KwaZulu Natal will continue with the programme in 2016. UNICEF and the CPWG will continue to support the programme.

The first cohort of students comprised of 20 individuals working in a variety of international and national agencies from 16 different countries. Some of their reflections on the programme are captured below:

Sam Onyait from Uganda working in South Sudan says "The beauty about the programme is that it gives you confidence, you learn about different treaties that have been formulated in respect of children and you learn what we are supposed to do as duty bearers"

Riyam Maraqa working in Jordan says "It is so rewarding, inspiring and motivating"

Elise Reslinger working in Palestine with UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) said "I joined the Diploma in Child Protection in Emergencies with University of KwaZulu-Natal in order strengthen my skills in child protection and be able to protect the children, especially the Palestinian refugee children, to the best."

The next programme will begin in February 2016 and end in June 2017 The diploma will continue to be taught using distance learning methods and therefore gives students the flexibility to continue working while completing this qualification.

Name	Form	Credits
1 Principles of CPIE	Distance	16
2 Research Methods in CPIE	Distance	16
3 Theoretical Foundations in CPIE	Residential	32
4 Project Planning in CPIE	Distance	16
5 Management and Coordination in CPIE	Distance	16
6 Service Placement in CPIE	Placement	32

All modules will run consecutively. Module 3 involves a compulsory 3 weeks residential block which will take place in July 2016, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal Durban, South Africa. Students will need to cover the cost of the residential and the Service Placement (Module 6), which involves a 6–8 week placement. The placement will need to be with organizations that are involved in Child Protection in Emergencies. There will be limited placement opportunities provided with International NGO's and students will also be allowed to find their own placements.

Eligibility

To qualify for consideration, applicants will be expected to have the following qualifications and experiences: • Experience in child protection with either international, national or local organization – is • Working knowledge of English • Meet the minimum standards and requirements for admittance to UKZN Post-Graduate programme.

- Demonstrated commitment to work in child protection in emergencies • Commitment to complete the course.
- If an applicant is employed, a letter of support from the applicant's current employer will be required agreeing to release the student for the residential block and the placement.

Cost

The student fee for the Postgraduate Diploma is \$3800 (R 38 000) which does not include the cost of the residential or costs involved in the service placement.

Consider applying for the 2016 intake

Please take note of the following when applying: All international students will need to have their qualifications evaluated through South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) and this certificate needs to accompany applications to the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

This will require

- : Certified copy of Degree Certificate/s (undergraduate degree)
- : Certified copy of Matric Certificate, O/A levels, IB or other secondary school certificate
- : Official academic transcripts of marks from ALL institutions mentioned above
- : Certified copy of ID or Passport.

Application to University of KwaZulu-Natal will close on the 30th September 2015

