

APSTAR

Applied Population Science Training and Research



Are you involved in strategy, planning, budgeting, or long term infrastructure development? How does population dynamics such as the birth rate, death rate, migration and movement and other socio-economic factors influence or affect your decision making? APSTAR may be the solution for you! APSTAR is the Applied Population Science and Research Programme of the School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The aim of APSTAR is to enhance the understanding of population issues in relation to the broader sphere of development challenges. This programme is carefully constructed by UKZN in partnership with the Department of Social Development and the United Nations Population Fund, and is designed for progression in the public sector.

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How you will benefit. You will learn to:

- Use basic demographic skills for better understanding of population dynamics
- Use skills to understand priority research areas on population matters
- Develop a capacity to undertake various sectoral development planning, incorporate population issues and challenges
- Develop an expertise on intergrating population priorities into development policies and programmes
- Gain knowledge on the Subject Population studies that will enable you to enhance your career

Key focus areas:

- Week 1: Introduction to applied population sciences
- **Week 2**: Population & development interrelationships
- Week 3: Basic demographic measures & population projections
- Week 4: Integration of population issues into development policies, plans & programmes

Who should attend:

Definitely, especially if you are:

- Responsible for integrated development at any of the three spheres of the government
- Managing developmental and / or service delivery programmes
- · Responsible for development planning

Entrance requirements:

- Minimum requirement of a Degree or Btech
- A 68+% pass mark will provide access to the one-year Master's programmes in Population Studies at UKZN

Programme fee:

The course fee of R38 850 (incl. VAT) covers tuition, instruction material, lunches and refreshments.

Duration:

The programme is presented over a 8 month period. This includes (4) modules that are presented over five (5) consecutive days each (1 week), as well as "take home" assignments. Modules build on each other.

NOMPUMELELO NZIMANDE

MA (Sociology/Demography), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nompu serves as a representative of the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a member of the scientific advisory committee at the PASA council. She was approached by the Department of Social Development to be part an of advisory team on exploring the link

between population studies, and population and development. She is also one of the facilitators on the APSTAR programme in population studies for government officials.



PRANITHA MAHARAJ

PhD (School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London)
Professor Maharaj holds a doctorate in Epidemiology and Population Health.
Before joining the School of Development Studies she was a lecturer at the Department of Sociology at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Professor Maharaj has managed to accumulate many years of teaching experience at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, and has also successfully supervised 20 Master's dissertations.



As part of a larger re-organization of academic schools in 2012, the School of Development Studies has been incorporated into the School of Built Environment and Development Studies together with the schools of Community Development, Architecture Planning and Housing. Each of these, with the addition of Population Studies will operate as a discipline in the new school. The Centre for Civil Society will continue to be part of the new school. Development Studies and Population Studies aim to be world leaders in the study of the political economy of development and demography, and in the pursuit through research, training and activism of social and economic justice, both locally and globally.

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