

DOCTORATE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (DBM)



Programme Overview

This programme develops complex problem-solving capabilities by applying rigorous scientific research processes which contributes to the creation of the new body of knowledge in the area of management and leadership.

Core Modules

- Introduction to Research at a Doctoral Level
- Bridging Programme

Entry Requirements

DBM applicants are required to provide:

- A completed application form;
- A resumé or curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter;
- Certified copies of the degree certificate and academic transcript of their relevant master's degree from an accredited institution, with a mark of at least 65% for:
 - Both the modules and dissertation of their master's degree; or
 - The dissertation of a full research project;
- Statement of research intent: this one-page document should briefly outline what the applicant intends to research; and
- Upon submission, the Academic Head will evaluate the candidate.

Programme Structure

Provisional registration: Once a candidate has provided relevant information for the application process, she/he will be provisionally registered for the DBM.

Candidates are required to meet the following conditions before they are fully registered:

- Bridging Programme: Candidates who graduated with an MBA NQF level 8 qualification are required to complete an intensive 2-day bridging programme to assist them to transition to an NQF 10 level programme; and
- Advanced Research Methodology Module: All provisionally registered candidates are required to attend a 3-day Advanced Research Methodology module that will prepare them for the DBM.

Outputs for the DBM programme

Candidates who are fully registered for the DBM programme are required to:

- Submit a thesis that makes an original contribution to the body of knowledge in the area of management and or leadership; and
- Produce a research paper, co-authored with her/his supervisor, for possible publication in an accredited journal.

