



South African Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme: Call for applicants - 2011 intake

The Department of Health, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases of the National Health Laboratory Services, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Pretoria, are requesting applications for the South African Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme (SAFELTP). This residency programme will be conducted over the course of 2 years and provide graduates with a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Pretoria. The programme offers two areas of concentration, or "tracks": a field epidemiology track and a laboratory track.

The course prepares professionals both from the public and the private health sectors for leadership roles in the management and improvement of public health care system, evaluation of health interventions and development of health surveillance systems.

The SAFELTP is a full time, 2 year course and will start in January 2011. Bursaries/stipends will be available for South African applicants fulfilling predefined criteria.

Limited places are available for applicants from public health organizations from countries within the region (including Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi). Applicants from these countries should typically be nominated by their respective health ministries and should be able to obtain study leave on full sponsorship (including salary/stipend, accommodation and transport) for the duration of the course.

The SAFELTP will cover the university fees (registration and tuition fees) and provide the required books for all successful candidates.

Key competency requirements:

- Fluent in spoken and written English
- Applicants should be registered with their respective professional bodies
- Experience in working in the public health system is desirable
- A valid driver's license will be an advantage

Educational requirements:

- A master or medical degree from an accredited university; OR
- An honours degree from an accredited university; OR
- A 4-year bachelors degree from an accredited university with at least 2 years' applicable work experience (see below); OR
- A 3-year bachelors degree from an accredited university plus at least 5 years' applicable work experience (see below)

Work experience requirements

- Professional experience in a health field or other fields relevant to health is required
- Experience in working in the public health system is desirable
- Applicants for the laboratory track should have working experience within a clinical or public health laboratory

How to apply

If you meet the requirements, kindly download and complete the application and reference forms that are available on our website: http://www.nicd.ac.za/units/feltp/source/feltp_home.htm

The completed forms together with relevant certified copies of your qualification certificates, a one page motivation detailing your reasons for applying and a concise two-page CV should be submitted to the Secretary via telephone: +27 11 3866542; fax: +27 11 386 6324/ +27 11 5550507 OR e-mail to safeltp@nicd.ac.za. Applications can also be posted to: The Secretary, SAFELTP, National Institute for Communicable Diseases, Private Bag X4, Sandringham 2131, South Africa.

Please quote the advertisement reference number and the track that you are applying for. The onus is on you to ensure that your application has been received. Applications without reference number and copies of qualifications will not be considered, neither will those received after the closing date. Reference checks will be conducted.

Closing date: 16 July 2010. Correspondence will be made with short listed candidates only. If you have not heard within 4 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful. For further information please visit the website: http://www.nicd.ac.za/units/feltp/source/feltp_home.htm