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# EXTENDED LEARNING

Applied Population Science  
Training and Research (APSTAR)



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## Programme overview & objectives:

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 Training 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.

## 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:

- Business executives, HR and organisation development professionals across all sectors
- Line managers responsible for strategic decision making in companies
- Executives who need to learn more about aligning HR within business objectives to achieve measurable tangible results

## 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

## NQF level:

Level 8 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

## Programme fee:

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

## Facilitators include:



### 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 advisory committee at the PASA council. She was approached by the Department of Social Development to be part of an 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.



### Professor 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 over 20 Master's dissertations.



UKZN Extended Learning (UEL) is committed to enrichment through lifelong learning, by providing high quality credit and non-credit bearing short courses and academic programmes in collaboration with schools and colleges of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In a fast-changing environment, developing relevant and useful skills and knowledge, and the capacity to deliver results, is more important than ever. Our courses are designed using the very best methods by combining content, based on both tried and tested results, and recent cutting edge research, with interactive experiential teaching and learning from local and international faculty and guest speakers.

## Duration:

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

## Dates:

For updated course dates, please contact us or see our website: [www.ukznextendedlearning.com](http://www.ukznextendedlearning.com)

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