



PhD EMC

The Doctor of Philosophy in Emergency Medical Care (PhD EMC) is by thesis only, i.e. there is no coursework involved. It is a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years. The entrance requirement is a MTech/MHSc EMC or equivalent qualification as determined by the Faculty Board. The Doctorate requires a lot of your time and being a 360 credit qualification, you will need to invest at least 3600 notional hours on it. If you want to complete it within 4 years, this translates to 75 notional hours a month. At a PhD level, the NQF requires that you *“demonstrate expertise and critical knowledge in an area at the forefront of a field, discipline or practice and the ability to conceptualise new research initiatives and create new knowledge or practice”*.

We thus strongly advise that you give the latter some thought and engage a prospective supervisor who may guide you on your intended study topic, or with the postgraduate coordinator, Dr Simpiwe Sobuwa. Applicants should email two documents to Dr Simpiwe Sobuwa (simpiwes@dut.ac.za) by 30 September for admission the following year:

1. PhD concept document in which you outline your intended study area.
2. Application form

The Department will review the documents and may request a follow up conversation regarding your proposed research area. You will be notified via email of the outcome of your application.

Registration

If your application is successful, you will be required to register every year until graduation. If you obtained your Masters from DUT, then the Faculty office will require the completed application form and a completed PG1. Should you not have studied at DUT, in addition to the aforementioned documents, the Faculty office will require **original** documents (ID, undergraduate and postgraduate certificates).

Post registration

Once registered, your next step would be to develop your research proposal under the mentorship of your supervisor/s which can take anything from six months to a year of intense work. Students have two options of completing the PhD at DUT, thesis only or PhD by publication. You can familiarise yourself with the PhD by publication policy and discuss this with your supervisor/s should it be of interest to you.

Who to contact for help?

For academic enquiries related to the PhD please contact Dr Simpiwe Sobuwa on simpiwes@dut.ac.za

For administrative enquiries such as registration please contact the Department secretary Mrs Leigh Meyers on leighm@dut.ac.za or the Faculty office Ms Benedicta Luthuli on benedictal@dut.ac.za.