

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Science in Gender & Applied Women Health prepares students into Health education officers, gender officers, social workers, community development officers, adolescent health workers and policy analysts among others.

Independent career researchers and academicians.

The students through an extensive community outreach programmes acquire innovative, synthesis, practical and analytical skills that are important for self-employment and career diversity.

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A centre of excellence in interdisciplinary studies and research that promotes fundamental understanding of problems and enables communities to pragmatically cope with the changing human conditions.

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To provide quality training and research that integrates methodology and practice from more than one discipline in order to holistically address community needs.

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Produce graduates and conduct interdisciplinary research geared towards innovative interventions that address multifaceted societal needs.

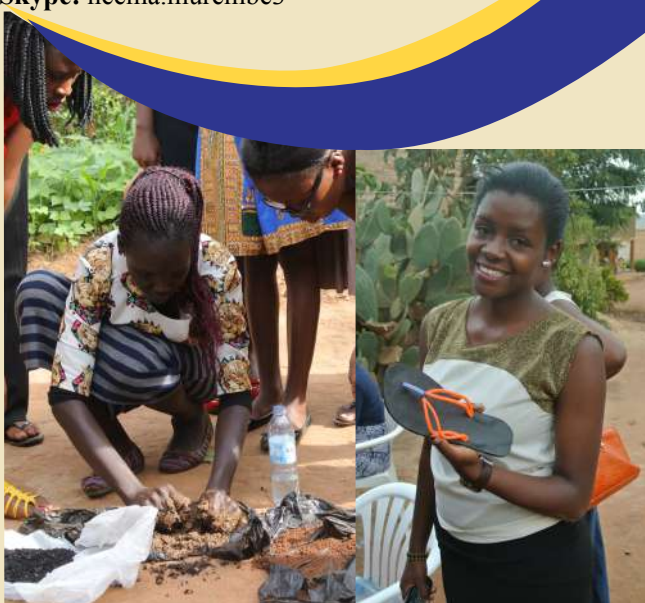
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GENDER & APPLIED WOMEN HEALTH (BSc.GWH)



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Students in the community displaying the skills of making charcoal and sandals

Bachelor of Science in Gender and Applied Women Health

This is a programme offered by the Department of Human Development and Relational Sciences. It provides students with knowledge, skills and competences to analyze gender and women health issues and develops a critical consciousness about social inequalities based on gender and other social cultural constructions that determine women health outcomes. The programme fosters awareness of and appreciation for the realities and diverse experiences, and develops a critical consciousness about social inequalities based on gender and other social cultural constructions that determine women health outcomes. Adolescents reproductive health is also looked at as of key concern and a basis for women health promotion. The interdisciplinary nature of the programme allows graduates to customize their educational and career goals by taking core courses which are taken from different disciplines and then later specializing in one area of interest. The specialization strands for the programme include

- Women Health Policy, Promotion and Education
- Women, Gender and Health
- Adolescent Reproductive Health

The specializations were determined from a needs assessment which indicated the need for knowledge and skills in women's health education, adolescent reproductive health and the overall social cultural aspects of women's health.

Overall Goal

The overall goal of this programme is to train specialists in gender and women health issues. The gender and women health programme is an interdisciplinary disciplinary course that exposes students to a wide range of content that is cross-listed and contains courses that address feminists, women health and gender issues. Within this programme students are given theoretical and practical understanding of the interrelationship between gender, culture, biomedical and psychosocial factors that influence women health and illness.



Graduands celebrating finishing the course

Specific Objectives

After completing the programme, graduates will be able to:

- Identify and analyze social, economic, cultural, political and environmental barriers to women health.
- Demonstrate a holistic understanding of the interrelationship between gender and women health.
- Carryout gender mainstreaming exercises in women and reproductive healthcare and policy.
- Critique the complex causes of the healthcare system inadequacies in addressing women health issues.
- Design and implement women health promotion programmes at national, regional and international levels
- Develop and advocate for women health programmes that bridge gaps in reproductive healthcare policy and service delivery.

Graduate Knowledge Skills and Competences

A. Knowledge

By the end of the training the graduate will have acquired knowledge in the following.

Health aspects

- Human Reproductive System
- Demography and family health
- Health promotion and policy engagement
- Ethics in Women Health and Research

Gender and Social aspects

- Gender mainstreaming and women empowerment
- Gender and Health
- Social Determinants of Health
- Community Development
- Project Planning and Evaluation

Interdisciplinary and practical approaches

- Interdisciplinary methodologies
- Community Student twinning practicum
- Internship program
- Dissertation

B. Intellectual skills

On completion of the programme the successful student will be able to:-

- Describe and assess a range of established theories and concepts
- Review, synthesize and critically evaluate published materials from a range of sources.
- Critically review and evaluate evidence and use this to construct reasoned, evidenced argument.
- Apply conceptual and theoretical approaches to empirical material.
- Apply knowledge to practical women health problems
- Critically evaluate policy, policy implementation and the value of new technologies
- Plan, conduct and write reports on independent projects.

C. Practical Skills

On completion of the programme the successful student will be able to:

- Construct responses to assignments using word-processing, databases, spread sheets and presentation software.
- Make oral presentations
- Conduct statistical data analysis
- Practical laboratory and hands-on field skills
- Identify key issues and search for relevant information and practical solutions
- Plan and deliver an individual piece of research, typically based on fieldwork

D. Transferable Skills

On completion of the graduates will be able to:

- Facilitate and implement women health promotion programs
- Develop and implement an enterprise
- Communicate (written and verbal) scientific and social scientific ideas to different stakeholders
- Give oral and written presentations
- Work as part of a team
- Use library and other information resources
- Plan their careers



FIS staff facilitate a community training activity