

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Overview

The aim of the Master of Public Health (MPH) program is to provide training in population health and organisational change for mid-career health professionals, preparing them to take on senior scientific or leadership roles in the population health and health care fields.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the MPH must have:

- completed a degree equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree in a relevant discipline;
- met the University's English language requirement (please refer to page 5).

Equivalence to the academic requirement may be granted for students with appropriate training and relevant experience.

Campus: Lismore

Intakes

The MPH is offered on a semester basis with 2 intakes per year:

Semester 1 – February

Semester 2 – July

Duration: 18 months (4 units per semester).

Course Structure

The MPH requires students to complete 3 core coursework units, 2 core research methodology units, a Research Project equivalent to 6 units, and one other unit of the student's choice. The 3 prescribed coursework units are taught concurrently in the first semester and there are no prerequisites. The Research Project must be completed within two consecutive semesters. Students will only be allowed to proceed to the Research Project component of the course on successful completion of the 3 core coursework units.

Specialisations/Majors: Not applicable

Units

Core Coursework Units

Students complete 3 core units.

CMM00705 Health and Epidemiology

CMM03140 Evidence Based Practice

CMM03197 Leadership in Public Health

Core Research Methodology Units

Students complete 2 research units selected from:

HEA00501 Issues and Methods in Research I

HEA00502 Issues and Methods in Research II

Other relevant Research Methodology units offered by the University (including Biostatistics)

Elective Units

Students complete 1 unit of their choice

Research Project

Students complete their research project equivalent to 6 units:

CMM03141-6 Master of Public Health Research

Internship or Fieldwork

The 6 research units will require off campus supervision. Appropriate local supervision will be negotiated at the time of enrolment. Students are encouraged, but not required, to return to their home countries to conduct their research.

Fees

Please refer to page 39 for tuition fees. Other study-related costs which students will incur include:

- stationery, photocopying, printing, postage, telephone calls, computer disks, calculator and study implements – estimate A\$600 p.a.

Teaching Methods

The course is designed for mixed mode delivery with units supported both through campus-based teaching and online. Coursework units are taught through face-to-face lectures with online support for assignments, discussion boards, etc. The research component of the course is undertaken under appropriate academic supervision. This is tailored to meet the needs of individual students.

Learning Resources

Students are provided with printed study materials and have access to an online website dedicated to each coursework unit of study. These websites, accessed through the University's 'MySCU' facility provide additional up-to-the-minute information and an opportunity for communication between students and between students and tutor.

Assessment Methods

Coursework units are assessed using assignments and examination, and units are graded fail, pass, credit, distinction and high distinction. Research units are assessed by outputs and are graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Assessment will meet the requirements of the Public Health Programs Board.

Equipment and Facilities: General campus resources

Accreditation: Not applicable

Early Exit Points and Subsidiary Awards:

This is a research-based course with no early exit points.

Graduate Outcomes

A graduate of the MPH will have the skills required to build effective public health systems, develop health policy, assess community needs, plan for needed health services and construct disease surveillance systems.