

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP

## Overview

The aim of the Master of Public Health Leadership (MPH Leadership) is to prepare the student for a senior management career in health services. This degree is offered in conjunction with the Graduate College of Management and considerable flexibility is available in elective units, allowing the student to focus on law, human resource management or finance, in addition to the basic concepts of public health practice.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the MPH Leadership 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 Leadership 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 Leadership requires students to complete 12 units: 3 core coursework units, 1 or 2 research units, a Research Project equivalent to 2 to 4 units, and the balance to be selected from electives. 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

### Research Units

**Students complete 1–2 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)

### **Research Project**

**Students complete their research project equivalent to 2–4 units:**

CMM03141-4 Master of Public Health Research

### **Elective Units**

**To make up the balance of 12 units, students complete 3–6 elective units.**

MNG00755 Strategic Issues in Health Management

MNG00724 Human Resource Management

LAW00722 Health Law

New Unit Health Promotion Strategies and Methods I

New Unit Health Promotion Strategies and Methods II

New Unit Social Marketing

New Unit Obesity, Weight Control and Metabolic Health Management

### **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**

### **Graduate Diploma of Public Health Leadership (GradDipPHL)**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants for admission to the GradDipPHL must meet the same requirements as those for the MPH Leadership.

#### **Course Structure**

The GradDipPH program requires students to complete 8 units in total:

3 core coursework units

1–2 research units

2–4 research project units, and

0–2 electives

from the MPH Leadership schedules of units.

### **Graduate Certificate in Public Health Leadership (GradCertPHL)**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants for admission to the GradCertPHL must meet the same requirements as those

for the MPH Leadership.

#### **Course Structure**

The GradCertPHL program requires students to complete 4 units in total:

3 core coursework units and

1 research or elective unit

from the MPH Leadership schedules of units.

## **Graduate Outcomes**

A graduate of the MPH Leadership will have the skills to critically assess the scientific literature, design and manage basic research in population health, and design and successfully manage population health programs and projects.

Graduates will be well prepared to assume senior leadership roles in health services organisations.