Master of Public Health - 2018

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About this degree

Enjoy a respected career that is in constant demand.

This postgraduate Public Health course from Curtin University is a multidisciplinary postgraduate qualification designed for current professionals and those interested in a career in the public health field. Study a broad range of public health units including research, critical evaluation of public health issues and information analysis. This online course gives you the option to specialise in a major subject to further develop knowledge and skills in the public health area.

Overview

The Master of Public Health is a multidisciplinary health course designed for public health practitioners and others wanting to develop skills and knowledge in public health. Students undertake a number of core units covering a broad range of public health issues combined with specialist knowledge in one of the following stream: Applied Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Health Policy and Management; Health Promotion; Public Health. There is a choice of undertaking either a dissertation or a smaller research project combined with further coursework.

Students can enter the course at one of three levels, the Graduate Certificate in Public Health; the Graduate Diploma in Public Health; or the Master of Public Health. The course structure is integrated to enable students to move, if accepted into a higher level course, from the Graduate Certificate level to the Graduate Diploma level and/or to the Master of Public Health.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course students will be able to:

1. apply research based specialised knowledge including recent developments in public health
together with applicable research principles and methods
2. reflect critically on theoretical knowledge, public health scholarship, advocacy and professional practice
3. investigate, analyse and synthesize complex information and problems that impact directly or indirectly on public health outcomes
4. interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non specialist audiences
5. evaluate the applicability of existing and emerging technologies for public health practice
6. apply knowledge and skills to new situations in the course of public health practice leading to further learning
7. critically evaluate the impact of environmental and geographical context, local institutions and culture on public health outcomes
8. articulate, defend and apply a theoretical understanding of social justice implicit in public health practice
9. demonstrate a high level of personal autonomy and accountability when interacting with diverse individuals, communities and organisations as an advocate/champion of public health.

Career Outcomes

The qualification Master of Public Health has international recognition in the Health Industry.

Related Courses

This course sits within a group of courses, giving you the flexibility to study towards different levels of qualification.

- Master of Public Health
- Graduate Diploma in Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
Degree subjects

Transition Arrangements

2018 Changes
The Public Health Stream in the Master of Public Health course has been deactivated. Current students will be able to complete their studies, as all units are available in other streams.

2017 Changes
- MPH513 Evaluation of Health Promotion and MPH517 Diversity and Difference in Health Promotion have been removed from the Health Promotion stream of the Master of Public Health.
- MPH511 Media Impact on Public Health and MPH515 Politics and Power in Public Health have been removed from the Optional Units for Master of Public Health stream of the Master of Public Health.
- MPH511 Media Impact on Public Health had been removed from Optional Units for Health Policy and Management, Optional Units for Health Promotions, and Optional Units for Applied Epidemiology and Biostatistics streams of the Master of Public Health and Optional Units stream of the Graduate Diploma in Public Health.

The following new units have been added:
- MPH585 Public Health Special Topics
- MPH580 Principles, Practice and Evidence in Health Promotion
- MPH590 Contemporary Practice in Health Promotion

Students who had completed the units that have been removed from the courses, prior to 2017, will be given credit towards the completion of their courses.

Curtin University will provide updated study plans to current students.

If you need further advice with the new course structure, please contact PHealthStudentSupport@curtin.edu.au.

Recommended Study Pattern

Please note: Students should check for any prerequisites before enrolling in any units. There are four groups of units that Master of Public Health students must complete:

Core units
Students should complete all seven public health core units (also available as the Graduate Diploma in Public Health)

Major units
Students should select one of the public health majors listed below and complete three major units.

Optional Units
Students should complete four optional units (3 from Master of Public Health optional units list and 1 from chosen Stream/Major optional units list).

**Research unit**

Students should complete their studies with MPH600 Research Project (double unit).

**Degree structure**

**Majors**

Select one of these Majors:

- Public Health
- Health Policy and Management
- Health Promotion
- Applied Epidemiology & Biostatistics

**Core Public Health units**

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Students can choose either MPH405 or MPH682 as one of the core units.

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Stream - Health Promotion

Total number of subjects to complete: 3 units

Required  Elective  Optional  Provided by

- MPH510 Health Promotion Strategies and Methods  CUR
- MPH580 Principles, Practice and Evidence in Health Promotion  CUR
- MPH590 Contemporary Practice in Health Promotion  CUR

Stream - Applied Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Total number of subjects to complete: 3 units

Required  Elective  Optional  Provided by

- MPH501 Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases  CUR
- MPH503 Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases  CUR
- MPH700 Applied Biostatistics  CUR

Research Project - Double Unit

Total number of subjects to complete: 1 unit

Required  Elective  Optional  Provided by

- MPH600¹ Health Sciences Research Project  CUR

¹ Students should complete all core, major and optional units before enrolling in MPH600 Research Project.

Optional Units for Master of Public Health

Complete 3 units from the following 13 units

Required  Elective  Optional  Provided by

- INH120 Maternal and Child Health in Developing Countries  CUR
- INH130 International Nutrition  CUR
Optional Units for Health Policy and Management Stream

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¹ MPH518 has practicum placement requirement.

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Optional Units for Health Promotion Stream

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Requirements

Eligibility

Master of Public Health / Graduate Diploma in Public Health

To be eligible for entry into the Graduate Diploma in Public Health or directly into the Master of Public Health applicants need to have completed either:

1. Academic

an undergraduate degree or its equivalent from a recognised tertiary institution preferably in a health science area, education, behavioural sciences, social sciences or management.

OR

2. Graduate Certificate

One of the following Graduate Certificates with a course weighted average of at least 65:

Graduate Certificate in Public Health, Graduate Certificate in Health Industry Management, Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion, Graduate Certificate in Children's Environmental Health or the Graduate Certificate in International Health.

OR

3. Graduate Diploma

One of the following Graduate Diplomas with a course weighted average of at least 65:

Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Graduate Diploma in Health Industry Management or the Graduate Diploma in International Health.

English Language Proficiency Requirements

Applicants need to meet Curtin’s English Language requirement as all courses are taught in English. If your education courses were not solely in English, as per the International Handbook of Universities or the World Higher Education database, please attach a scanned original copy of English Proficiency Test results.

Admission requires an overall International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic) (or equivalent test) score of at least 6.5 and competence in all test components (IELTS score of 6.0).

Qualifications

Award Requirements

To qualify for the Master of Public Health students must complete 16 units or equivalent.

Recognition of Prior Learning / Credit

Applications for Credit for Recognised Learning (CRL) are assessed on a case by case basis according to Curtin University policies which is available at http://policies.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/policy/Credit_for_Recognised_Learning_Manual.pdf. Students must be admitted in an award course of study before lodging their completed CRL application, along with all necessary documentation for a formal assessment.

To officially apply for CRL, students need to submit the CRL application form available from http://students.curtin.edu.au/administration/documents/Application_for_CRL.pdf to opencurtin@curtin.edu.au along with supporting documents. Accepted documentation includes scans of the original Transcripts and/or Award Certificate; front and back; in colour; and original size. For detailed scanned documents requirements and guidelines, please visit http://courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/admission-requirements/scanned-documents.cfm.

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