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to the world's health.



Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Postgraduate Study at Masters, Graduate Diploma & Graduate Certificate Levels

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UQ HERSTON

Drug use has an increasingly significant impact on public health, and is the cause of 20% of all deaths in Australia each year.

Despite the huge impact of drug use, little formal training is available for those responding to substance use and misuse. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Studies (ATODs) program meets this need by equipping those working in the field with the knowledge and skills they need to make a real difference.

Developed in collaboration with Queensland Health, the ATODs program equips both experienced practitioners and those new to the field with the knowledge and skills they need to make a real difference. The program helps students:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the political, social, economic and scientific factors that influence the development of alcohol and drug-related policies, services, treatment and prevention modalities

- Gain the latest, most relevant information and skills needed for lifelong learning
- Develop critical analysis and interpretation skills and the ability to apply relevant research findings
- Gain accreditation from one of Australia's leading universities



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What will I study?

The core courses of the ATODs program prepare students to respond to drug and alcohol harm in a variety of professional environments:

- Introduction to Substance Use & Misuse
- Assessment & Interventions for Substance Misuse
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Health Systems
- Social Perspectives in Population Health
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Introduction to Environmental Health

Students also choose from a wide range of other courses that cover the priority issues in the alcohol and drugs field:

- Tobacco Cessation & Control
- Drugs and Young People
- Alcohol in Contemporary Society
- Substance Use & Misuse Among Indigenous People

Full details of all courses available can be found at www.sph.uq.edu.au.

Careers

A degree in ATODs is ideal for people working, or seeking a career, in a wide range of alcohol and drug services and related government or community settings.

Whether students are new to the field or experienced practitioners keen to formalise their qualifications, the ATODs program will advance careers, enhance practice and give graduates the edge in a competitive workplace.

Our students and graduates work in many diverse roles in government, private practice, education, academia and the justice system.

On any given day, our graduates might be working as:

- A nurse in a psychiatric ward of a hospital
- A pharmacist prescribing methadone at an opiate treatment program
- A counsellor in an inner-city high school
- A social worker helping families dealing with the effects of drug abuse
- A school health nurse
- A medical practitioner responding to patient needs
- Someone expanding ATODs knowledge for use in parenting or community work
- A volunteer working for a community organisation
- A sporting organisation program developer
- A health promotion officer developing educational resources.

World-leading expertise

The ATODs program is cutting edge and comprehensive, reflecting the School's strong links with Queensland Health. It is also enhanced by collaborations with leading international agencies (including **Australian Aid**, the World Bank and the World Health Organization) and major public health projects with partners like the Wellcome Trust, Atlantic Philanthropies and the Gates Foundation.

Why study at UQ?

When you come to The University of Queensland your learning experience will be enriched by first class services and facilities, flexible study options and exciting research and international study opportunities. The ATODs program can be studied either on campus or externally from anywhere in the world.

You will find many benefits from our international reputation for teaching quality and our world leading research. UQ is Queensland's oldest university and has won more teaching awards than any other Australian university.

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