

Making a difference  
to the world's health.



# MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UQ HERSTON

Working in International and Global Public Health offers the chance to experience one of the most exciting, rewarding and challenging areas of population health.

This dynamic field spans issues such as under-nutrition, maternal and child health, and communicable diseases. It also includes emerging issues for resource-poor countries such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease and drug use, and spans technical areas such as policy, planning, surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, financing, logistics, community participation, health promotion and inter-sectoral collaboration and human resource management. Students studying this field also learn about principles of disease control, global health initiatives, global health and global and local health governance.

UQ's International Public Health program offers specialised qualifications for those working or seeking a career in a range of population health settings around the world.

The program focuses on the major causes of ill-health and premature mortality, as well as determinants of health and quality of life and the effective and efficient management of health programmes.

International Public Health graduates inform global and national health policy, support and lead health services reform and stay abreast of emerging health concerns that are impacting on communities around the world.



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### What will I study?

The core courses of the International Public Health program ensure students gain the knowledge and skills required to work as public health professionals across a diverse range of populations, ethnicities, resource settings and countries:

- Managing Global Disease Priorities
- Health and Development
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Social Perspectives in Population Health
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Introduction to Environmental Health

Students also choose from a wide range of elective courses that cover both traditional and emerging international public health issues such as:

- Project Planning for International Health
- Health Financing
- Burden of Disease Analysis
- Sexual, Reproductive and Child Health
- Health Aspects of Disasters
- Global Health Policy

In the last semester of a Masters degree, students complete a capstone course or undertake a project/dissertation. This course, project or dissertation gives the student an opportunity to apply the knowledge, skills and competencies learned during the program to a particular international public health problem, relevant to their own plan of study.

The International Public Health program can also be studied at Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate levels. Full details of all study options and courses can be found at [www.sph.uq.edu.au](http://www.sph.uq.edu.au).

### Careers

Qualifications in International Public Health open up a world of diverse opportunities. Our graduates are working as international health specialists, national and provincial senior health managers, community health officers, health policy advisers and health promotion officers. They work throughout the world, including in their own countries, in senior management positions, designing, monitoring and evaluating health programs and policies.

A degree in International Public Health also help graduates secure positions in non-government organisations, international health consultancy and management firms or with international and bi-lateral development agencies.

At present some of our students and graduates are:

- Completing an internship at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva
- Supporting the development of major regional health initiatives in the Western Pacific Regional Office of WHO;
- Working on health information systems in Vanuatu
- Managing the national non-communicable disease control program in the Solomon islands
- Developing more accurate cause of death registration systems in Vietnam
- Measuring the causes and numbers of preventable deaths of children in Indonesia
- Implementing the scale-up of access to HIV counselling, treatment and care in Africa

Whether working 'hands-on' in the field, or in research, academia or government, all international public health professionals have the potential to make a real difference to the world's health.

### World-leading expertise

Program content is evidence-based and comprehensive, reflecting the School's strong links with leading international agencies (including **Australian Aid**, the World Bank and the World Health Organization) as well as the fact that some of the field's seminal texts were authored by School staff. Staff are actively involved in consultancy and advisory activities with global health organisations and governments of regional countries.

The International Public Health program is also enriched by the School's major public health projects with partners including the Wellcome Trust, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, Harvard University and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute.

### 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.

Our students enjoy many benefits from our international reputation for teaching quality and our leading research, recently judged as amongst the world's best by the Australian Research Council. UQ is Queensland's oldest university and has won more teaching awards than any other Australian university.

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