

Making a difference
to the world's health.



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UQ HERSTON

Public health focuses on preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting healthy lifestyles. It offers a rewarding career that suits many people from a variety of backgrounds including health, science, education and the social sciences. If you are curious, enjoy solving problems and have a desire to make a lasting impact on the health of communities and populations, then a degree in Public Health may be for you.

UQ's postgraduate programs in Public Health give graduates the knowledge and skills they need to define, monitor, critically assess and manage public health problems in a changing world.

Public Health graduates inform health policy, lead health services reform and stay abreast of newer health concerns such as diabetes, obesity, HIV/AIDS, and injury prevention, as well as more traditional concerns such as under-nutrition and communicable diseases.



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What will I study?

The core courses of the Public Health program ensure that all students gain the core knowledge and skills required to work as public health professionals across a wide range of populations and countries:

- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Health Systems
- Social Perspectives in Population Health
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Introduction to Environmental Health

Students can also choose to specialise in one of several plans that tailor their MPH degree to their own interests or career aspirations:

- Health Promotion
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
- Nutrition
- Indigenous Health

Depending on the plan chosen, students select from a wide range of elective courses that cover both traditional and emerging public health issues such as:

- Communicable Disease Management
- Understanding Health Behaviours
- Health and Development
- Burden of Disease Analysis
- Sexual, Reproductive and Child Health
- Health Aspects of Disasters

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

The Public Health program can also be studied at Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate level. Full details of all study options and courses can be found at www.sph.uq.edu.au.

Careers

Many of our Public Health students are health professionals interested in moving into public health, advancing their career or wishing to broaden their range of expertise and/or move into health management. Others are from different fields wishing to apply their skills and experience in a Public Health career.

Public health careers are diverse and offer something for everyone. On any given day, our graduates might be:

- Discovering what types of health behaviours put individuals most at risk of developing cancer
- Developing a campaign to reduce binge drinking among Australian teenagers
- Advising government on whether pollutants emitted from a new bus tunnel are within safe limits
- Running a family planning clinic in West Africa
- Predicting how an influenza pandemic might affect global health
- Evaluating the effectiveness of new bike helmet laws in Thailand

Whether working 'hands-on' in the field, or in research, academia or government, all 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 development 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.

The Public Health program is also enriched by the School's major public health projects with partners including the Wellcome Trust, **Australian Aid**, 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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