

# Postgraduate Study Master of Public Health in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing

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Medicine

School of Public Health and Community Medicine



## About this degree

The School of Public Health at the University of New South Wales is offering a specialisation stream in the Master of Public Health (MPH) in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing.

There is clear recognition in Australian policy of the need for more strengths-based, wholistic and empowering ways of understanding and working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations and communities towards better health outcomes. This new postgraduate stream in Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing emerged as a strategic response to a broad range of observation, consultation, active participation and examination of unmet policy and practice recommendations addressing Indigenous workforce issues and barriers to change.

This stream offers an innovative learning experience that enables students to gain deeper understanding and necessary skills to contribute effectively to the national effort to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The learning and teaching methods are designed to stimulate transformational learning that will enhance application of public health skills and principles to virtually any health or social discipline.

The Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing stream adds significant opportunities for students to examine Indigenous-specific content alongside their core MPH courses. Five stream defining courses enable students to become immersed in active study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives of health through externally delivered courses with pre-semester workshops, scenario-based learning, reading of research, policy and program literature and personal and group information sharing and reflection. The stream also requires students to develop, implement and formally report on a research or service enhancement project in Indigenous health.

## Who should do this degree?

This stream is targeted for public health students with specific interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and for those seeking to enhance the capacity of the primary health care, public and allied health, community development and broader sectors to cohesively address the physical, mental, social, emotional, cultural and environmental determinants of health and wellbeing for all peoples.

## STREAM STRUCTURE

Students must complete the eight courses listed:

### THREE MPH CORE COURSES:

PHCM9041 Foundations in Public Health & Health Care Systems

PHCM9498 Epidemiology & Statistics for Public Health

PHCM9012 Health Promotion & Social Perspectives of Health

### FIVE STREAM-DEFINING COURSES:

PHCM9630 Public Health Perspectives of Indigenous Health

PHCM9632 Indigenous Health & Wellbeing across the Lifespan

PHCM9634 Case Studies in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health

PHCM9132 Applied Research Methods in Public Health

PHCM9148 Project in Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing

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