

Postgraduate Study Master of Public Health in Primary Health Care

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Medicine

School of Public Health and Community Medicine



About this degree

The Master of Public Health in Primary Health Care specialisation is offered by the School of Public Health and Community Medicine in collaboration with the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity (CPHCE). This specialisation equips students to work as clinicians and managers and to contribute and respond to current developments in primary health care services in Australia and internationally.

Primary health care is recognised as a critical component of any health service, with the potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the whole health system. The Principles and Practice of Primary Health Care course provides an introduction to the principles of primary health care and their application in the delivery of health care in the community. A number of services are specifically analysed including general practice, community health services, rural health services and Indigenous health services as well as the integration between primary health care and specialised and hospital care.

Other courses in the stream explore a range of skills, fields and clinical issues relevant to primary health care including community development as an approach to improving the health of individuals and the broader community, project/program management and evaluation, and HIV, alcohol and other drugs, smoking and Indigenous health.

The project comprises an in-depth study of a contemporary public health issue or topic relevant to primary health care. This can be undertaken in association with the Centre for Primary Health Care (see www.cphce.unsw.edu.au).

Who should do this degree?

The MPH (PHC) stream is suitable for all those with an interest in primary health care including primary health care professionals, managers, project officers, planners and policy makers.

Who are the presenters?

The courses are taught by a CPHCE and School staff with a diverse range of expertise in primary health care and contemporary public health areas, including Mark Harris, Gawaine Powell Davies, Nick Zwar, Lisa Jackson Pulver and Robyn Richmond.

Mode of delivery

This program can be taken either full-time or part-time. Courses are offered internally on campus with face-to-face teaching, or externally by distance mode using a combination of intensive workshops and online teaching. Workshops are held on campus in February, July and November.

Primary Health Care seeks to extend the first level of health system from sick care to the development of health

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STREAM STRUCTURE

Students must complete the eight courses listed below:

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

ONE STREAM-DEFINING COURSE:

PHCM9615 Principles & Practice of Primary Health Care

THREE COURSES FROM RECOMMENDED PRIMARY HEALTH RELATED ELECTIVES:

PHCM9010 Community Development

PHCM9108 Program Design & Evaluation

PHCM9129 Prevention & Management of Chronic Disease

PHCM9471 Comparative Health Care Systems

PHCM9604 Tobacco, Alcohol and Illicit Drugs

PHCM9621 HIV/AIDS: Australian and International Responses

PHCM9622 The Global HIV Epidemic: Social Impacts & Aspects

PHCM9626 Inequalities and Health

PHCM9630 Public Health Perspectives of Indigenous Health

PHCM9632 Indigenous Health and Wellbeing across the Lifespan

PHCM9634 Case studies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

PHCM9748 Clinical Governance & Risk Management

ONE MORE ELECTIVE OR PROJECT:

PHCM9148 Project in Primary Health Care Related Topic