

Master of Public Health



ADVOCACY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

See the big picture as a public health professional. If you want to become a leading voice in public health, this course will give you the tools to make it happen. Learn to address disease prevention from a big-picture angle and promote the conditions that optimise population health.

Specialise with seven pathway options

The Master of Public Health prepares you to solve global health issues through evidence-based initiatives. Focus on one of seven career pathways or create your own bespoke pathway to suit your aspirations. Build skills and professional networks that open the door to exciting opportunities and leadership roles in the field.

Tailor your degree by choosing electives from seven fields of study:

- Public health practice
- Health promotion
- Health economics and management- Applied research
- Public health nutrition
- Humanitarian assistance
- Disability and Inclusion.

Graduate ready to drive positive change

This course is ideal for both clinical and non-clinical health professionals. It's also a great fit for graduates from other fields who are passionate about improving the health of individuals, communities and populations.

The Master of Public Health focuses on evidence-based action that drives positive change across health systems. Much of what you learn is shaped by Deakin's world-class health research. This research doesn't just help you when you're studying and solving case studies – It's incredibly valuable knowledge that you'll carry with you throughout your entire career.

You'll graduate ready to use the latest research to form strategies that tackle global health issues, and bring your ideas to life by creating initiatives for policy change and interventions. Your initiatives will address disease prevention from a big-picture angle and promote the conditions that optimise population health.

Course details

Offered at: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Cloud Campus (online)

Duration: 1-2 years full-time or part-time equivalent (depending on Recognition of Prior Learning)

Intake: Trimester 1, Trimester 2, Trimester 3

Enter a growing industry

The health sector is one of the largest and fastest growing industries in Australia and around the world. With ageing populations and public health issues like obesity and chronic illness on the rise, employability in the health industry is strong and continually increasing. In Australia the healthcare and social assistance industry is projected to make the largest contribution to employment growth, increasing by 14.9% over the five years to 2023.* A postgraduate degree in public health puts you in a position to take advantage of this demand.

**Industry Employment Projections 2019 Report, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.*

Your public health career

Public health practitioners have the opportunity to work in international organisations such as:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

As well as:

- the non-government sector (for example, organisations focused on cancer, tobacco, drugs, reproductive health, obesity, food security, violence and HIV)
- the government sector
- local councils.

The Master of Public Health also provides pathways to pursue a PhD and a career in academia.

Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees on any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

'With obesity levels in Australia high (and rising), my work is focused on building the evidence to support effective and equitable obesity prevention. I really enjoy the many different people I get to talk with, and the opportunity to make a small difference to the world I live in.'

Professor Anna Peeters
Director, Institute for Health Transformation



Industry connections

As a Master of Public Health student, you will also receive free student membership with the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) throughout your degree. You can then join the PHAA as an individual member once you graduate.

Entry requirements

The admission requirements for the Master of Public Health are: a bachelor degree or higher in **any** discipline; or evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent. All applicants must also meet the minimum English language requirements.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

If you have completed a bachelor degree in a similar area, you may be eligible for 4 units of RPL. If you have completed an honours degree, you may be eligible for 8 units of RPL. You may be eligible for additional RPL based on your professional work experience.

deakin.edu.au/courses/recognition-of-prior-learning

How to apply

Apply directly at deakin.edu.au/apply.

For information on the application process and closing dates, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/postgraduate-by-coursework.

Please note that closing dates may vary for individual courses.

Course structure

The Master of Public Health consists of 16 credit points, unless you are eligible for RPL (see above). All units are equal to 1 credit point. The course comprises 8 core units taken in your first year (these are compulsory) then 8 elective units (you can choose which ones to study according to the desired career pathway).

Year 1	Trimester 1	Epidemiology 1	Biostatistics 1	Health Promotion	Health Economics 1
	Trimester 2	Principles and Practice of Public Health	Research Literacy for Health Practice	Health Equity and Human Rights	Comparative Health Systems
Year 2	Trimester 1	Contemporary Health Issues and Policies	Economic Evaluation 1	Health Communication	Global Health Policy and Planning
	Trimester 2	Needs Assessment and Health Program Planning	Health Program Evaluation	Minor Project Part A	Minor Project Part B

This is a sample course structure only, with many other elective options (including an internship) can be viewed at deakin.edu.au/course/H757. This course structure is correct as at July 2020 and should be used as a guide only. There may be additional 0-credit-point units required. Check the relevant course page on Deakin's website for unit details, including trimester and campus availability. Course advice should always be sought from the relevant enrolment officer.

 Core unit  Elective unit

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