The University of New South Wales Master of Health Management (MHM) program is the oldest and largest program of its type in Australia. The program is aimed at developing high level competencies in motivated individuals who are looking to lead healthcare services in Australia and around the world.

Our students emerge from this program with a well-grounded understanding of the factors which influence the effective, efficient, appropriate, and equitable delivery of health services, including strategic planning, organisational behaviour, economic, financial and human resource management, policy development and analysis, and evidence informed decision making.

The program has a strong emphasis on developing students’ ability to understand, analyse and meet the current and emerging challenges faced by managers and leaders across health care systems and services. Students are exposed to both the theory and practice of leading organisations, teams and individuals, how to shape workplace cultures and how to lead and manage within environments of social, political and organisational change.

A wide range of electives enable our students to pursue their studies into specific health management contexts (such as primary health care, the management of aged care services, laboratory management or the management of health services in disaster settings), to focus on particular skill areas (such as policy development or program design and evaluation), to further their knowledge of research methodologies (both quantitative and qualitative) or to implement key approaches (such as health impact assessment or economic evaluation).

Using cutting edge teaching and learning approaches, the MHM program draws on the latest Australian and international health services and management research, including the internationally recognised work of researchers in our School, to enable students to critically examine, explore and develop their own strategic approaches to improving the quality, safety and efficacy of care.

Flexible delivery

The School provides a great deal of flexibility for students to tailor their study options according to their needs. The MHM program can be undertaken either full-time or part-time. Courses are offered internally on campus with face-to-face teaching, or externally by distance mode using online teaching. All courses are available fully online which means the degree can be completed from anywhere in the world.

Program objective

The objective of the MHM program is to develop highly competent, resilient and agile individuals, able to manage organisations and lead staff within the complex, challenging and constantly changing fields of health and aged care.

Who are our graduates?

Our graduates occupy senior positions in hospitals, area health services, health service organisations, research centres and training institutions in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and around the globe.

Who should apply?

Entry requirements include a recognised Bachelor degree in a field relevant to a health management discipline and at least two years’ related work or volunteer experience OR an undergraduate degree plus an honours or postgraduate degree in a field relevant to health management.
Program structure

Eight courses must be completed for the MHM, consisting of five core courses and three elective courses for a total of 48 units of credit:

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Dual Degrees

There is the opportunity to complete two Masters degrees by combining the Master of Health Management with either a Master of Public Health, a Master of International Public Health or a Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence. Dual degrees can be completed full-time over 18 months. Dual extension degrees (which include a research project) can be completed over 2 years.

Internships and Research Projects

Students may complete an Internship or a Research Project as part of their degree. Internships are available in Australian or International organisations and allow students to gain real-world experience while undertaking their degree. Students also have the opportunity to complete a research project with an academic supervisor in the School.

Health Management programs

- Master of Health Management
- Master of Health Management Extension with research component
- Graduate Diploma
- Graduate Certificate
- Dual Degree in Health Management combined with one of the following degrees:
  - Master of Public Health
  - Master of International Public Health
  - Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence
- Dual Degree Extension in Health Management which includes a research component.

Further information

Contact us to learn more about Health Management programs at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine:

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Professional recognition

Our management programs meet the core requirements for a Fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) and are accredited by the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM).

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"The wealth of knowledge and experience of the lecturers make the MHM a unique, internationally recognised program that addresses the complexities of the health system in Australia and worldwide. Working as a medical specialist in regional NSW I often face health management challenges that I would have found insurmountable before I joined the program. The MHM has allowed me to reflect on matters that have been ‘invisible’ to me in the past due to my limited knowledge of health management. I believe the MHM is the ideal complement not only to those students pursuing a career in health management but also to doctors practising clinical medicine. The program is an ‘eye opener’ and contributes greatly to make clinicians better doctors by enhancing their knowledge and skills in health management.”

MHM Student