

Never Stand Still

Medicine

School of Public Health and Community Medicine



About the Master of International Public Health

The Master of International Public Health is recognised as a sought after qualification in international health. Coursework qualifications in international health are available in the Master of International Public Health (MIPH), Diploma (GradDip) and Certificate (GradCert).

These degrees provide the basic professional training for graduates to work internationally in health departments, with non-government organisations, and with international and bi-lateral aid agencies.

The MIPH program attracts a diverse group of students from a range of countries, disciplinary and professional practice backgrounds, and work settings. This level of diversity adds to the richness of the program through the sharing of experiences, which enables students to gain further insight and understanding of public health issues in an international, or global, health context.

Coursework

The coursework includes the use of evidence-based, culturally appropriate and cost-effective approaches to disease control, health promotion and health services development based on real life public health interventions. There is an emphasis on policy development, monitoring and surveillance, research and evaluation, workforce development, and program delivery that directs and supports public health action to promote, protect and maintain the health of populations.

Coursework also covers the transitions in human populations and health: the demographic transition (from high to low fertility and mortality), the epidemiological transition (from infectious disease and under-nutrition to non-communicable disease and injury), the nutrition transition (from energy and vitamin/mineral deficiencies to over-nutrition, obesity and chronic disease), and the accompanying cultural, social and economic transitions associated with development.

Program aim

The aim of the International Public Health program is to equip students with the knowledge and competencies to contribute to disease control, health promotion, and health services development across a wide range of populations and countries. These extend from least developed and post-conflict countries, still afflicted by infection and malnutrition; through middle income countries, experiencing increases in cardiovascular disease, cancer and injuries, in addition to the persistence of a communicable and under-nutrition disease burden; to more developed countries where the major challenges are non-communicable disease.

Mode of delivery

The MIPH 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 offered by the school are available in the distance mode. The degree can be completed online anywhere in the world without any

attendance requirements. The school provides a great deal of flexibility for students to tailor their study options according to their needs.

Program requirements

Eight courses must be completed, consisting of three core courses and five elective courses.

Course selection

PHCM9605 International Health
PHCM9498 Epidemiology & Statistics for Public Health
PHCM9012 Health Promotion & Social Perspectives of Health
Three designated international public health electives
PHCM9148 Project in International Health or one other elective
One other elective

Dual Degrees

There is also the opportunity to undertake dual degrees in International Public Health with Health Management or Public Health which can be completed full-time over 18 months or 2 years (with research component)

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