



Master of Public Health (International)

Open to Indian Nationals residing in India only

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Medicine

School of Public Health and Community Medicine



Why study the Master of Public Health (International)?

There has been increasing investment in public health in India as the country undergoes a rapid economic, demographic and health transition. Communicable diseases continue to be a major health burden compounded by emerging health challenges related to non-communicable diseases, climate change, and globalisation. Today, there is strong demand for multi-skilled public health professionals and for opportunities to contribute to advancing population health and development globally. The Master of Public Health (International) program enables career pathways across a range of contexts including ministries and departments of health, not-for-profit, voluntary or international organisations, primary care and community healthcare services in both public and private sectors in the Indian sub-continent and globally. Many graduates from SPHCM occupy key positions in health services and universities in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and across the globe, and our degrees are regarded highly.

The MPH (International) program, offered by the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW Australia, equips graduates with advanced disciplinary knowledge and skills needed for professional practice in areas such as disease prevention and control, health promotion, primary health care, occupational/ environmental health, health policy, and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health programs. This program draws on the expertise of teaching staff in across this broad range of areas, and on the wealth of experience our students bring. Our teaching fosters sophisticated understanding and application across the complex body of multidisciplinary knowledge of public health including epidemiology, biostatistics, social determinants of health, health promotion, population targeted health research methods, and health program design, implementation and evaluation.

Who should do this degree?

The MPH (International) program is open to Indian nationals residing in India, and is designed for those who are interested in rewarding opportunities in

the health sector particularly in public health, health administration, health management and clinical research. This program meets the continuing education needs of specialists in public health as well as providing a general orientation to public health issues and methods for professionals who have previous education and experience relevant to public health and/or health management (see Program Entry Requirements).

Flexible mode of delivery

Are you a busy clinician with a great job, and cannot give up your job for further study? Now you can work and study at the same time, with flexibility to fit your study around your work. The MPH (International) program can be undertaken full-time or part-time. All the courses are offered in fully online mode to allow you to “work while you study” in a dynamic, virtual classroom.



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Unique internship opportunity

The compulsory PHOP9143 Internship will be performed in India in any of the Medvarsity recommended field sites. Students will be jointly supervised by SPHCM and Medvarsity staff and assessed at the end of the internship. The internship course aims to provide students to apply their academic knowledge in practice, with the opportunity to gain real-world experience through a workplace internship of 6 weeks full-time equivalent duration (168 hours). During the course, interns will have an opportunity to make valuable contributions to healthcare initiatives that may involve areas such as policy, planning, and evaluation associated with the delivery of healthcare services, or the preparation, appraisal, implementation or evaluation of health related projects. The activities and focus of the internship placement will be relevant to the organization and student and can be either project or normal operations-based.

Experience UNSW at Summer School

To enhance the online teaching, the School of Public Health and Community Medicine Summer School offers intensive classes over 3-5 days. Students then complete assessment over December and January. MPH (International) students who wish to attend classes can come to Sydney and complete PHOP9662 Health Aspects of Crises, Emergencies and Disasters in the face-to-face mode. This course is also available in distance mode.

Program Entry Requirements

Applicants to the MPH (International) are required to have either:

- An undergraduate degree in a field relevant to public health or health management (see list below)* and two years full-time professional or volunteer experience. This may also include equivalent professional experience acquired as part of a degree of 4 or more years duration (e.g. MBBS, MD, Bachelor of Nursing); OR

- An honours or postgraduate degree in a field relevant to public health or health management.*

**Examples include, but are not restricted to: medicine, nursing, allied health, health sciences, biomedical sciences, dentistry, social work, sociology, behavioural and social sciences, psychology, marketing, human services, emergency services, environmental health, veterinary science, health administration, business, management, engineering, law, science, mathematics and statistics, economics, policy studies and development studies.*

In exceptional circumstances, applications will be considered for entry where the applicant has extensive professional health or public health experience but does not hold a formal qualification in a relevant discipline. (e.g. Nurses, Paramedics).

Program structure

The MPH (International) program consists of the following components, for a total of 8 courses comprising 48 units of credit (UOC):

- 7 Core courses (42 UOC)
- 1 Elective course (6 UOC)

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Students will need to complete eight courses to meet the requirements of the Master of Public Health (International):

Seven core courses (42 UOC)

- PHOP9498 Epidemiology and Statistics for Public Health (6 UOC)
- PHOP9605 International Health (6 UOC)
- PHOP9609 Rural and Remote Health (6 UOC)
- PHOP9012 Health Promotion and Social Perspectives of Health (6 UOC)
- PHOP9748 Clinical Governance and Risk Management (6 UOC)
- PHOP9606 Reproductive Maternal and Children's Health (6 UOC)
- PHOP9143 Internship (6 UOC)

One elective course from the list below (6 UOC)

- PHOP9050 Immunisation Policy and Practice (6 UOC)
- PHOP9662 Health Aspects of Crises (6 UOC)
- PHOP9108 Program Design and Evaluation (6 UOC)



Testimonials from our students

“I chose to undertake my MPH at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine as UNSW offered all of the subjects I wished to take in external format, while other universities seemed to offer only a selection of subjects for external students.”

“The commitment shown by the SPHCM staff to positively impacting the health of communities through strategies addressing underlying social determinants is inspirational – whilst providing opportunities for student involvement “

“The MPH-IH (International Health stream) provides broadly grounded teaching across the various disciplines of global health, providing students excellent exposure to the latest in global health communication and interaction with a diverse international student body. The faculty's real world experiences inspire one's own pursuits in the vast world of global health, and they are more than willing to assist with opportunities that lead towards such pursuits. I could not think of a better university in Australia to study International Health.”

Find out more about the Master of Public Health – International:

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