

School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Master of Public Health in Primary Health Care



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.

Program structure

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 Master of Public Health in Primary Health Care 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.

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 online teaching.

Learning from a team of highly experienced course convenors as well as from discussions with classmates who are actually working in the Australian primary healthcare system were the best parts of the course. It provided me an opportunity to have a refined insight into the healthcare system of Australia

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STREAM STRUCTURE

Students must complete eight courses from the list below:

THREE MPH CORE COURSES:

PHCM9012 Health Promotion & Social Perspectives of Health

PHCM9041 Foundations in Public Health & Health Care Systems

PHCM9498 Epidemiology & Statistics for Public Health

ONE STREAM-DEFINING COURSE:

PHCM9615 Principles & Practice of Primary Health Care

THREE COURSES FROM PRIMARY HEALTH RELATED ELECTIVES:

PHCM9010 Community Development

PHCM9050 Immunisation Policy & Practice

PHCM9108 Program Design & Evaluation

PHCM9129 Prevention & Management of Chronic Disease

PHCM9132 Applied Research Methods

PHCM9471 Comparative Health Care

PHCM9604 Tobacco, Alcohol & Illicit Drugs

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

PHCM9748 Clinical Governance & Risk

PHCM9786 Global Non-Communicable Disease: population approaches

ONE MORE SPHCM ELECTIVE:

Any other SPHCM Elective, Internship or Research Project in Primary Health Care