

Master of Public Health (MPUH) - MPH

	External*
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Residential school:	Ipswich campus (mandatory)
Standard duration:	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time
Program articulation:	From: Graduate Certificate of Public Health ; Graduate Diploma of Public Health

Footnotes

* Students are required to attend mandatory on-campus residential schools in two courses at USQ Ipswich and mandatory online workshops in three courses.

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Program aims

This program aims to produce high quality health professionals who are able to contribute to public health practice and research. An integrated approach to teaching the five main public health disciplines: biostatistics; epidemiology; environmental health; health policy and management; and social and behavioural sciences; are taught in four core courses. Upon completion of the program students will have knowledge and skills of the CAPHIA foundational competencies: health monitoring and surveillance; disease prevention and control; health promotion; health protection; health policy, planning and management (health systems); and evidence-based professional population health practice. Each of the core courses includes the topics related to public health by scaffolding the content and complexity of knowledge and outcomes. Thus starting with fundamental and basic knowledge in the first course and scaffolding to more advanced and complex outcomes in the fourth core-course.

Program objectives

On completion of the program, graduates should be able to:

- (1) Select and critically apply an evidence-based approach to public health practice and research.
- (2) Critically evaluate the scope of contemporary public health practice within an interdisciplinary context and apply critical reflection in practice.
- (3) Function effectively as a team member including behaving in an ethical and culturally safe manner when interacting with clients, other professionals and the broader community.
- (4) Communicate ways of working respectfully and collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in public health practice, and culturally and linguistically diverse peoples and communities.

- (5) Strategically utilise specialised skills and advanced theoretical knowledge to analyse, evaluate and communicate complex health information.
- (6) Apply specialised skills and theoretical knowledge to detect, prevent and control communicable and non-communicable diseases among human populations.
- (7) Critically appraise, synthesise and apply relevant health promotion and health protection concepts and knowledge to promote population health through mediating, advocating, and enabling changes in behavioural, social, economic, cultural and physical environments.
- (8) Promote efficient and equitable gains in population health by developing appropriate policy, legislation, regulation, governance and/or fiscal measures.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of a three-year or four-year bachelor degree in the area of health, or equivalent, with a GPA > 4.8;
OR
- Completion of a university three-year or four-year bachelor degree in a different discipline with a GPA > 4.8, and completion of one year of full-time work experience in a healthcare setting;
OR
- [Graduate Certificate of Public Health](#) or [Graduate Diploma of Public Health](#) with a GPA > 4.8.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 200 hours of practical experience. Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites. Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Master of Public Health Students.

Mandatory documents required prior to commencing industry placement:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Australian Police Check
- Resume
- USQ Student Declaration
- USQ Placement Request Form

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Master of Public Health consists of 16 units comprised of:

- 6 core courses worth 8 units (2 courses worth 2 units each);
- 4 research courses; and
- 4 electives.

Course	Semester	Notes
PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A[#]	1,2	Includes mandatory residential school in Ipswich
PUH8020 Integrated Public Health Core B[#]	1,2	Includes mandatory online workshop attendance
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)	1	Includes mandatory online workshop attendance
HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health	1,2	
PUH8070 Public Health Industry Placement A	1	
PUH8080 Public Health Industry Placement B	2	Includes mandatory residential school in Ipswich
Research courses		
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	1,2	
PUH8040 Public Health in Practice B: Research Project Planning	2	Includes mandatory online workshop attendance

HSC8070 Health Masters Project A	1,2	
HSC8080 Health Masters Project B	1,2	
Elective 1	1	
Elective 2	1	
Elective 3	2	
Elective 4	2	

Footnotes

2 unit course

Program completion requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must complete all components of the program (16 units) with a passing grade for each course.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

Students are required to undertake four (4) elective courses. These courses must contribute to the knowledge and skills required of public health practitioners, and approved by the Masters of Public Health Program Director.

Coursework

Coursework courses

- [PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A](#) (2 units)
- [PUH8020 Integrated Public Health Core B](#) (2 units)
- [PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A \(Case-based Learning\)](#)
- [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#)
- [PUH8070 Public Health Industry Placement A](#)
- [PUH8080 Public Health Industry Placement B](#)
- 4 units of electives.

Research courses

- [PUH8040 Public Health in Practice B: Research Project Planning](#)
- [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#)
- [HSC8070 Health Masters Project A](#)
- [HSC8080 Health Masters Project B](#)

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

Students are required to attend two (2) mandatory residential schools on the Ipswich campus. The residential schools will be held Friday to Sunday to accommodate students who are employed.

- [PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A](#)
- [PUH8080 Public Health Industry Placement B](#)

Articulation

Students who graduate with the Master of Public Health are eligible to apply for Doctoral studies.

Exit points

Students may exit with a [GCPU Graduate Certificate of Public Health](#) provided they have met the requirements within the program structure of the [GCPU Graduate Certificate of Public Health](#).

Students may exit with a [GDPH Graduate Diploma of Public Health](#) provided they have met the requirements within the program structure of the [GDPH Graduate Diploma of Public Health](#)

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 1 intake (full-time)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1 / Semester 1								
PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A⁺			1	1,2			M	
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)					1	1		
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences					1	1,2		
Year 1 / Semester 2								
PUH8020 Integrated Public Health Core B⁺					1	1,2		Pre-requisite: PUH8010
HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health					1	1,2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCNG or GDNG or MNSG or PDEV or GDPH or MPUH
PUH8040 Public Health in Practice B: Research Project Planning					2	2		
Year 2 / Semester 1								
PUH8070 Public Health Industry Placement A					2	1		Pre-requisite: PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
HSC8070 Health Masters Project A					2	1,2		Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and HSC8060 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG or MPUH Pre-requisite: MPUH only - PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Elective 1					2	1		
Elective 2					2	1		
Year 2 / Semester 2								
PUH8080 Public Health Industry Placement B			2	2			M	Pre-requisite: PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
HSC8080 Health Masters Project B					2	1,2		Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and HSC8060 and HSC8070 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG or MPUH Pre-requisite: MPUH only - PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
Elective 3					2	2		
Elective 4					2	2		

Footnotes

+ Two unit course

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 2 intake (full-time)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1 / Semester 2								
PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A⁺			1	1,2			M	
PUH8040 Public Health in Practice B: Research Project Planning					1	2		
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences					1	1,2		
Year 2 / Semester 1								
PUH8020 Integrated Public Health Core B⁺					2	1,2		Pre-requisite: PUH8010
HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health					2	1,2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCNG or GDNG or MNSG or PDEV or GDPH or MPUH
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)					2	1		
Year 2 / Semester 2								
PUH8080 Public Health Industry Placement B			2	2			M	Pre-requisite: PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
HSC8080 Health Masters Project B					2	1,2		Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and HSC8060 and HSC8070 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG or MPUH

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)				
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem			
								Pre-requisite: MPUH only - PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040	
Elective 1						2	2		
Elective 2						2	2		
Year 3 /Semester 1									
PUH8070 Public Health Industry Placement A						3	1	M	Pre-requisite: PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
HSC8070 Health Masters Project A						3	1,2		Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and HSC8060 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG or MPUH Pre-requisite: MPUH only - PUH8010 and PUH8020 and PUH8030 and PUH8040
Elective 3						3	1		
Elective 4						3	1		

Footnotes

+ Two unit course