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OVERVIEW

The School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHCM) is a leading international school for the related disciplines of public health, health management and community medicine, with an extensive alumni network in Australia, the Asia-Pacific and beyond. Many of our alumni are leaders in the health sector, and these relationships place us at the forefront of translation of research into practice. We seek to promote health, prevent disease and strengthen health systems in Australia and the region, and continually work at the interface of research translation.

Our School is committed to excellence in research, learning and teaching in public health and health services. SPHCM staff bring experience from multiple disciplines and have experience in local, national, and international settings. Our teaching is strongly influenced by our research and our research informs our teaching; both contribute directly to improving the design and delivery of health care



The School of Public Health and Community Medicine and the University recognise the unique position of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's culture and history. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have inhabited Australia for well over 50,000 years and their unique cultures and identities are bound up with the land and sea. This recognition is central to the functioning of our School.



programs and services in Australia and internationally. As a School we believe in the research and teaching nexus as vital to ensuring translation of research evidence into policy and practice.

SPHCM was founded in 2001, by the bringing together of the Schools of Community Medicine, Health Management and Medical Education. Since then, the School has grown further to become a leading centre for research, teaching, and expert advice to policy-makers. We have the largest public health program in NSW, and the oldest and largest health management program in Australia.

SPHCM has a national and international profile in its core flagship areas of research:

- Global Health
- Infectious Diseases
- Primary Health Care
- Indigenous Health
- Social Research

The School is recognised as a leader in each of these areas, with further emerging areas of expertise around community aged care, biostatistics and modelling.

TAILORED, RELEVANT WORKFORCE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The School is a leading postgraduate educator in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region through the delivery of its high quality, state of the art teaching and learning opportunities in public health, international public health and health management. Whether your career direction is in research or health services, we have a diverse range of offerings in postgraduate coursework and research degrees to meet every need. This includes the largest and oldest Health Management program in Australia, Master of Public Health and International Public Health and a range of Public Health specialisations which are aligned with areas of research strength in the School.

At UNSW, our teaching is designed to be applied, practical and relevant to the workforce. We are the first choice of employers who want work-ready graduates. We have an extensive network of alumni in Australia, in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, many of who are in leadership positions in health systems around the world. We offer a suite of courses in public health, international public health and health management, and a popular dual degree option. Our graduate Summer School in public health and health management can



"This is the school to be at if you have a genuine passion for the health of populations, if you care about the inequities in health in our world, if you seek to improve and strengthen health systems, and if you want to make a difference. The people in this school are unified by a common belief in the power of education, training and research to bring about change in health systems and population wellbeing. We embrace our important role in mentoring and shaping the future leaders in the field."

Professor Raina MacIntyre
Head of School

be taken by coursework students, but also as stand-alone courses for professional up-skilling. We provide flexible learning opportunities as well as a mixture of short courses and semester long courses. We also have a major role in teaching within the UNSW Medicine Program.

Flexible, advanced learning to suit your needs

We provide flexible delivery of educational programs, including delivery in face-to-face or distance mode. The flexible delivery of our coursework programs are designed to suit the needs of busy professionals and can be taken full-time, part-time, face-to-face or by distance mode. We also offer efficiencies for those who wish to take the opportunity of obtaining dual degrees.

We continually keep abreast of new developments in education and educational theory, and have a dedicated team of learning and teaching experts who inform the design of our courses. Courses are constantly being evaluated, updated and improved based on student feedback, changing needs and new knowledge.

Specialised learning for career choice

We understand that many people seek specialised careers in public health. To facilitate career advantage, we are unique in offering Master of Public Health (MPH) specialisation streams with the area of specialisation appearing on the testamur at graduation. Each MPH specialisation option is underpinned by flagship areas of research strength in our School. These are Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing, Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Control, Health Promotion, Primary Health Care and International Health. This means that UNSW specialist MPH degrees are taught by leading research experts in the field, with the additional benefit of interaction within an active research environment. For those interested in a career in international health, our Master of International Public Health meets those specific needs.

Professional up-skilling for busy professionals

We understand that busy, senior professionals in the workforce do not need or seek a higher degree. Instead, they seek opportunities to increase specific skills. We therefore offer graduate diplomas



Why study at SPHCM?

- The largest public health program in New South Wales
- The oldest and most established health management program in Australia
- Diverse, international student body
- Targeted public health specialisation streams with area of specialisation on testamur
- Specialisations aligned with flagship areas of research strength
- Dual degree options
- Summer school (including the option for standalone professional up-skilling)
- Distance education available
- Multi-national and multi-cultural student environment
- Learning environment enriched by student experience
- Alumni occupy senior positions in health systems around the world
- Mixture of short courses and semester long courses
- Flexible modes of study
- Wide range of research and evaluation courses and projects
- Coursework, combined coursework and research, and research only higher degrees



and graduate certificates, as well as an exciting Summer School in public health and health management. The Summer School courses can be taken as standalone intensive courses for professional up-skilling, or as courses within our degrees, and has a balance of Australian and International subject choices and content. We also run tailored executive education for groups of senior health leaders.

Teaching in the UNSW Medicine program

The School also plays an important role in fostering Public Health learning as part of the general education curriculum for undergraduates and through the UNSW Medicine Program. The General Education courses at SPHCM are designed to broaden and deepen students' understanding

of how the mass media influences health, concepts of power and health in society, and the development and maintenance of physical health, disease prevention and general wellbeing.

The School plays a major role in the UNSW Medicine Program. We emphasise the community-based health model to complement the hospital-based teaching that is offered more generally across the Medicine program. This emphasis is reflected in our courses which highlight the social and cultural influences on health, and we encourage students to explore complex issues such as drug and alcohol issues within relevant social contexts.

Our courses develop students' understanding of multicultural health, indigenous health and the Australian healthcare system. The Primary

Care/ General Practice course of the Medicine program is also offered through SPHCM. Our teaching is informed by a Public Health Curriculum Framework developed by the school, and our educational approaches are regularly reviewed by our Education Group which has widely recognised expertise in Medical Education.

GRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL



The Graduate Summer School offers a series of intensive workshops in public health and health management over a period of several days, which can be taken as part of a postgraduate degree or as standalone non-degree courses.

The workshop is followed by course work to be completed over two-and-a-half months for those participants who are doing the workshops for coursework credit. The courses are designed to give participants time for reading and reflection of the subjects they are studying. The summer school is designed for a range of people:

- Postgraduate students from the School wishing to take courses during the summer semester
- Full fee paying domestic students wishing to commence their study in the summer semester
- Postgraduate students from other faculties or other universities wishing to take electives for credit
- Health practitioners or managers wishing to increase their professional standing

www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate-coursework/summer-school

SPHCM Postgraduate Programs

Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Master of Public Health (MPH) ■ Master of Public Health Extension ■ Graduate Diploma in Public Health ■ Graduate Certificate in Public Health
Specialisations in Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MPH in Infections Diseases Epidemiology and Control ■ MPH in Health Promotion ■ MPH in International Health ■ MPH in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing ■ MPH in Primary Health Care
International Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Master of International Public Health ■ Graduate Diploma in International Public Health ■ Graduate Certificate in International Public Health
Health Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Master of Health Management ■ Master of Health Management Extension ■ Graduate Diploma in Health Management ■ Graduate Certificate in Health Management
Dual Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Master of Public Health / Health Management ■ Master of International Public Health / Public Health ■ Master of International Public Health / Health Management
Research Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) ■ Professional Doctorate: UNSW Future Health Leaders Program ■ Masters by Research ■ Master of Philosophy in Public Health



POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK PROGRAMS

Public Health Program

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is widely recognised as essential for a career in population health. It provides preparation for education, research and service in all aspects of public health. Many of our graduates occupy key positions in health services and universities in Australia and other regions in the Asia-Pacific. The program includes study in epidemiology, statistics, quantitative and qualitative research methods, health promotion, health policy and health services management, as well as other topical public health issues. Within the MPH, a research project can be undertaken as a project, and if combined with a credit average will be considered for entry into the PhD program. The Program Director for the Public Health program is A/Prof Glenda Lawrence, Associate Dean of Postgraduate Coursework.

Specialisation in Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Control

Core competencies include understanding the different modes of disease transmission, principles and practice of disease surveillance,

outbreak investigation processes and methods to control infectious diseases. Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Control is a key focus of research and practice within public health and a key area of research and expertise within the School. The teachers in the course include national and international leaders in the field of infectious diseases control, including Prof Raina MacIntyre. The stream is led by Dr James Wood who is a leader in mathematical modelling of infectious diseases, and an expert in vaccine-preventable diseases.

Specialisation in International Health

International and global health is an increasingly important component of public health. This specialisation aims to ensure that participants are familiar with the global distribution of health and disease, and know about the public health interventions available to tackle them, and understand their social and economic determinants. Students will learn about the data, the actors, the contexts and the processes through which global health policies are formulated and promoted, and the impact of global

Public Health Specialisations -

There is the option to enrol in a general Master of Public Health program or in one of five specialisation streams:

- Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Control
- International Health
- Health Promotion
- Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing
- Primary Health Care

These specialisations are designed to meet the needs of specific career tracks, and the area of specialisation appears on the testamur. They allow students to focus their studies in areas where they seek a career.

For those seeking to experience research, a small elective research project can be undertaken as part of any coursework Masters program and is one of the prerequisites to enter a PhD program.



Our teaching programs have been designed to meet the diverse learning and professional needs of our students equipping them with the capacities to extend their professional areas of interest and career paths. We are strongly committed to excellence in teaching and providing quality learning that is student-centred and relevant to real-world practice.

economic policies on health. Students will learn to critique international aid and to put themselves in the shoes of national policy makers in resource constrained settings. This program is aimed at students from developing countries providing them with skills and knowledge to address key health issues in their home countries, as well as local students enabling them to contribute effectively to international health and development. Dr Catherine Bateman Steel is the convenor of this specialisation.

Specialisation in Health Promotion

The field of health promotion encompasses a wide range of strategies and sectors, with the social determinants of health providing a platform for analyses and action. Health promotion effectiveness and impact depends on a workforce that is equipped with the core skills to implement current knowledge, yet flexible and adaptable to change. Diverse and participatory research approaches are used which allow the voice of marginalised groups, including young people, to be heard in the design of policy and programs. The Health Promotion stream enables specialisation in understanding and addressing the determinants of health with particular consideration of social

perspectives of health and challenges in practice, policy and research. This specialisation is ideal for those seeking a career in health promotion, and is led by Anne Bunde-Birouste, who is a leader in the field.

Specialisation in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing

The Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing specialisation offers an innovative learning experience that enables students to gain deeper understanding and necessary skills to contribute effectively to the national effort to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The learning and teaching methods are designed to stimulate transformational learning that will enhance the application of public health skills and principles to virtually any health or social discipline. This stream is targeted for public health students with an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health generally and for those seeking to enhance the capacity of the primary health care, public health, allied health, community development and the broader sector workforce to cohesively address the physical, psychosocial, cultural and environmental determinants of health and wellbeing of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It is taught by

leaders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health within the Murru Mari Indigenous Health Unit, and led by Prof Lisa Jackson Pulver.

Specialisation in Primary Health Care

Primary health care seeks to extend the first level of health system from sick care to the development of health. This specialisation is offered by the School in collaboration with the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity. It equips students to work as clinicians and managers and to contribute and respond to current developments in primary health care services in Australia. 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. This specialisation is suitable for all those with an interest in primary health care including primary health care professionals, managers, project officers, planners and policy makers. UNSW hosts one of the largest groupings of academic primary care practitioners in Australia, including Prof Mark Harris who leads this specialisation.

International Public Health Program

The Master of International Public Health (MIPH) equips students with the knowledge and competencies to contribute to disease control and health promotion across a 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, although threats from infectious disease persist.

The Master of International Public Health is recognised as a sought after qualification in international health. Many graduates of the MIPH or similar programs have found employment with international aid organisations. We attract both domestic and international students, and studying with a rich and diverse international student cohort, has enhanced the experience of our graduates.

This degree was established by Prof Richard Taylor, who leads this program using a highly successful model he designed and established in Australia.

Flexible Delivery -

Our postgraduate coursework programs 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 a combination of intensive workshops and online teaching. Workshops are held at a residential school on campus one week before each semester starts.

Health Management Program

Our widely recognised Master of Health Management (MHM) is the oldest and most established program in Australia. UNSW MHM students and Alumni are now part of an extensive network of health leaders in Australia, Asia and the Pacific. Our MHM is designed to provide students with the essential knowledge, skills and attributes required for senior managerial roles in health services both in Australia and internationally. A key focus of the program is promoting health leadership in areas of strategic planning, policy and decision-making.

The MHM provides both domestic and international students with the opportunity to consider, in depth, the social, economic and political forces which shape health service delivery and health management practice in both developed and developing countries. Studies in health systems, finance, leadership, strategic and change management, policy, clinical governance and risk management and evidence-informed decision mean that students are given the opportunity to undertake a sustained period of professional development in all the key disciplines essential for progression in the complex, constantly changing field of health management. Electives in research skills, policy analysis, program development and evaluation, ethics and the law, advanced finance and economic evaluation, and aged care, primary and disaster management amongst many others courses, ensure that MHM students have the opportunity to develop skills in specialist areas of health services management.

The objective of the MHM program is to develop judgment-ready managers who can provide effective leadership on health service issues, teams and systems. The Program Director for the Health Management program is Dr Joanne Travaglia.



Health Management Extension Program

The Master of Health Management (Extension) is designed for students who have completed the Master of Health Management or equivalent and would like to develop research skills and/or wish to apply for entry into a PhD program. It provides students with the opportunity to study an additional course which builds research skills, as well as carry out a research project in health services management.

Accreditation -

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

For more information on our coursework programs see:

Future Students -

www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future-students

Postgraduate Coursework -

www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate-coursework



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

PhD and Masters by Research

Our School offers excellent research programs to public health and health service researchers. Options are available for research only degrees or combined coursework and research. Our flagship areas of research are an indication of potential fields of research for degrees, but a wide range of supervisors in other research areas are available. Research students at SPHCM are part of a larger research grouping and can benefit from a range of continuing education activities such as our annual research conference, weekly seminars, regular journal clubs, monthly quantitative and qualitative methods seminars and a range of other activities. For international students, a range of scholarship opportunities make studying with us more feasible.

Students with a coursework Masters degree from the School will be considered for entry to the PhD program if they have successfully completed an elective research project within their masters degree and obtained a credit average or above.

Professional Doctorate: *UNSW Future Health Leaders Program*

The SPHCM offers a unique Professional Doctorate in Applied Public Health (DrPH) which is designed to be delivered in partnership with a suitable health workplace. The DrPH is aimed at strengthening practitioner based knowledge and practice with graduates able to generate and use evidence within the context of real-world challenges and priorities. As a qualification it is in line with international trends demonstrating the advantages of a professional doctorate for practitioners and leaders in public health and health management as an alternative to a PhD. Graduates of the professional doctorate are recognised as advanced health professionals and practitioner researchers who can take on senior and leadership roles within public health and health service settings.

The program provides an advanced degree through intensive theoretical training workshops and workplace based projects involving support from UNSW academic and workplace supervisors. Candidates fulfil

the requirements for the DrPH while working, through workplace experience, formal education seminars and workshops, and a thesis which reflects original research undertaken through professional practice. Candidates are supervised by SPHCM academic supervisors and workplace supervisors for the duration of their candidature.

Additional Information

For additional information on the School's research program see:

PhD and Masters by Research -
www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate-research

UNSW Future Leaders Program -
www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate-research/professional-doctorate

FLAGSHIP RESEARCH STRENGTHS

The School has five flagship research areas, each of which has dedicated staff and students:

- Global Health
- Infectious Diseases
- Primary Health Care
- Indigenous Health
- Social Research



RESEARCH EXPERTISE IN THE SCHOOL

Research is a fundamental part of the work of the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, addressing a number of key local, national and global public health issues. SPHCM has a vibrant, thriving research culture and a pipeline for research development from research students to post-doctoral researchers and senior research leaders, which makes it one of the leading research schools in Australia.

Our largest areas of research strength, underpinned by large research groups, are in our five flagship areas (above). We have a Master of Public Health specialisation in each of these research areas, which attract students who have a desire to learn within a strong research environment and be taught by research leaders. SPHCM is very strong in both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies across our flagship areas - and a range of other areas.

Our academic staff profile includes a mix of social scientists, qualitative researchers, clinical researchers, epidemiologists and mathematical modellers and boasts numerous international experts. This core is supplemented by more than 180

conjoint staff who bring experience from their external roles to contribute to the School's research profile.

SPHCM attracts over 150 PhD candidates and many more other research degree candidates each year, as well as talented post-doctoral researchers from around the country and internationally. SPHCM hosts several NHMRC post-doctoral fellows conducting a range of exciting research programs, reflecting a fertile environment for growth of talented early career researchers. We have strong partnerships with government, the community, health authorities and non-government agencies.

Our largest areas of research strength are in global health, primary care (including smoking and chronic disease prevention), infectious diseases epidemiology, Indigenous health and social science. We have expertise in many other areas.

Some of the other highlights in our school include the AusAID Human Resources for Health Knowledge Hub, our Football United program, and our strength in health promotion.

For research students, we have a wide range of research courses and projects. We are very strong

in both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, with a mix of social scientists, qualitative researchers, clinical researchers, epidemiologists and mathematical modellers at SPHCM.

We have a strong track record in attracting research funding from NHMRC, ARC and AusAID, including a NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Population Health.

We also have expertise in health services research and delivery, including clinical governance, leadership and strategic management.

In health management, we seek to achieve health system strengthening, translation of evidence into policy and practice, and leadership skills in health management, building on our long track record and reputation in training health managers in Australia and our region.

Global Health

This flagship research area unites a diverse range of expertise and experience behind the common theme of advancing global health and development. The group has a

strong emphasis on the formation of networks and collaborations with partners in our region. Working at a global level, and with an emphasis on the challenges facing low- and middle-income countries, the group has expertise in infectious diseases and HIV; maternal, child and reproductive health; non-communicable diseases and control of risk factors including tobacco control; mental health; health promotion; health and development; human resources management and development; health policy, leadership, planning and strategy development; public health in emergencies and refugee health.

Global Health group members work in many resource-constrained environments, including the Asia-Pacific region (Solomon Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Cook Islands), South East Asia and the Mekong (Lao, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand) and growing partnerships in Africa and in fragile states (Timor-Leste, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and parts of Indonesia). We have a commitment to development principles which is evident in long-term relationships with partners in a number of countries such as the Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and Cambodia. We also work in China and India with a series of partners.

The International HIV Research Group (IHRG) is part of SPHCM's Global Health flagship area. IHRG works closely with national institutions to conduct high quality HIV social and behavioural research which provides essential strategic information needed to assist in the response to HIV in Asia and the Pacific.

The Human Resources for Health (HRH) Knowledge Hub, led by Professor Richard Taylor, is a strategic partnership with AusAID, intended to improve the quality and effectiveness of health sector aid in the Asia-Pacific region. The HRH Hub aims to contribute to the quality and effectiveness of Australia's engagement in the health sector in the Asia-Pacific region by developing innovative policy options for strengthening HRH systems. It supports regional, national and international partners to develop effective evidence-informed national policy-making in the field of human resources for health.

Infectious Disease

SPHCM has a large critical mass of multidisciplinary expertise in public health aspects of the prevention and control of infectious diseases. This includes epidemiology, mathematical



modelling, health economic modelling, special risk populations, social research and clinical research in infectious diseases. We also have strong policy links to facilitate the translation of research outcomes into policy and practice. The group has research focus areas around epidemiology, particularly influenza and hospital infection control; mathematical modelling and health economic studies; clinical research; social and behavioural research; refugee health research; travel health research and vaccines and vaccinology.

The NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Population Health, led by Professor MacIntyre, is linked to this area of SPHCM's research. The CRE is titled "Immunisation in under studied and special risk populations: closing the gap in knowledge through a multidisciplinary approach", and involves a multidisciplinary and collaborative team across UNSW, The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of





International collaborations



Vaccine Preventable Diseases, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, The Kirby Institute, Westmead Hospital, The University of Sydney and the University of Antwerp.

Primary Health Care

Research within this Flagship Area falls under the following four themes:

- 1) Behavioural risk factor management and chronic disease prevention;
- 2) Understanding and intervening to address health inequalities;
- 3) Management of chronic disease; and
- 4) Primary health care policy.

Much of the work on these themes takes place within the UNSW Research Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity and also in collaboration with other staff in the Faculty of Medicine and with other universities. We also have close links with The Fairfield Hospital General Practice Unit, led by Prof Teng Liaw. The academic grouping of primary health care researchers are recognised as national leaders in the field. We also work in primary health care research capacity building.

Indigenous Health

Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit is a dedicated Indigenous health research unit, which resides within the School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Launched in 2004, Muru Marri is a visible, active contributor to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through research and intervention projects – particularly for urban-dwelling populations – as well as in the area of teaching, community service, publication, representation on peak bodies, and advocacy. We work closely with a range of partners, and UNSW is the only NSW-based essential participant in the Cooperative Research Centre in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Muru Marri conducts work in the areas of:

- Research and evaluation, particularly in areas relevant to the Closing the Gap initiative
- Translational research and capacity building
- Service and committees to support policy and practice to improve the health of Aboriginal people
- Advocacy, at local, national, and international levels.

The School actively collaborates with other researchers and institutions across the globe to advance public health in our areas of research expertise, as well as learn from our international neighbours.

In particular, we work across a number of countries in the Asia-Pacific region (China, India, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Cook Islands), South East Asia and the Mekong (Lao, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand) and growing partnerships in Africa and in fragile states (Timor-Leste, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and parts of Indonesia). We also have research collaborations across Europe and North America with leading institutions in the world.



Social Research

The School hosts a large group of social scientists and health researchers undertaking social research on health. Our research interests span developing contemporary social theory through to translational research and our backgrounds include sociology, psychology, cultural studies, anthropology, linguistics, political science, education, philosophy and epidemiology. Areas of specialisation include social studies of public health, social epidemiology, the securitisation of health, social determinants of health, health promotion, culture, gender and health, sexual health, mental health, the quality and safety of care, community engagement, and teamwork and leadership in health care. This research involves partnerships with a diverse range of communities locally and internationally and collaborations with other researchers at the UNSW, around Australia and overseas.

For more information on the School's research see:

SPHCM Research -
www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/research

Research Centres and Units -
www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/centres-units

Research Centres and Units

A major strength of our School is our close relationship with our associated research centres and units. Their staff are research-focused but are also often involved in policy and practice in areas related to their research. Staff in research centres also contribute to our teaching programs and are actively support research supervision, providing wonderful opportunities for ensuring that our teaching is informed by leading edge research. Centres and units formally associated with our School are listed below.

Centres and Units within SPHCM

AusAID Human Resources for Health Knowledge Hub@UNSW

The Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Immunisation

International HIV Research Group

NSW Hospital Infection Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit

Centres affiliated with SPHCM

The Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity

The Australian Institute of Health Innovation

The Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre

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