UNSW’s Master of Public Health (MPH) is widely recognised and as an essential path into a career in population health, both in Australia and internationally.

Why Study the MPH?

Through the Master of Public Health, you’ll expand and specialise your knowledge and interest in public health. It provides a great foundation to kick-start or progress into a career that improves the health of wellbeing of populations around the world. You’ll dive into critical areas of knowledge like:

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Quantitative and qualitative research
- Current and future public health challenges
- Health promotion
- Health policy and health services management

While you learn from teachers who are experts across a broad range of public health related areas, you’ll also draw on the wealth of real-world experience your classmates bring to the program.

Shape Your Study for Your Goals

The program is designed with flexibility at its core – you can tailor it to your goals and lifestyle. All courses are available fully online which means the degree can be completed anywhere in the world without attendance on campus.

Your options include:

- Full-time study load
- Part-time study load
- Online study
- On-campus delivery – for students based in Sydney or who prefer face-to-face learning

Dual Degrees, Graduate Diplomas and Certificates

You can study Public Health in a number of formats to suit your career goals. Through a dual Master’s, you can combine the MPH with a Master of Global Health, a Master of Health Leadership and Management or a Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence.

The School of Population Health also offers Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and research-based extension programs for all our subject areas.

Your Career

Our graduates have diverse careers and are making real, positive impact in public health around the world. You’ll be qualified to work in:

- Health education and advocacy
- Public health research
- Policy and government
- Health management and leadership
- International development

Specialise in Your Area of Interest

The MPH offers a diverse range of specialisations taught by experts in each field, so you can hone your knowledge in the areas you’re most interested in. Our specialisations include:

- Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing
- Ageing and Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Economic Evaluation
- Health Promotion
- Infectious Diseases Control
- International Health
- Primary Health Care
- Public Security
- Social Research
Research, Internships and Extension Programs

As part of the degree, you’ll gain real-world experience through an internship or research project. Internships are available with Australian and/or international organisations. The MPH Extension program lets you delve deeper into their area of interest in public health through a dedicated research component through an extra term of study.

The School of Population Health also facilitates opportunities for you to progress into Higher Degree Research with a PhD in public health if you find your passion in research.

Entry Requirements

To apply, you’ll need an undergraduate degree relevant to public/population health or health management and at least two years related work or volunteer experience OR an undergraduate degree plus an honours or postgraduate degree in a field relevant to health management.

What Our Alumni Say

“I now see public health as being related to almost everything! I have developed a critical lens through which to see health as the product of complex interactions between our social, political, cultural and physical environments. I’ve learned that understanding the specific contexts in which people live their lives, and addressing the upstream drivers of social disadvantage, are critical to improving health outcomes.”

– Master of Public Health (MPH) graduate, Kylie Sommerville.

Contact Us

For more information on our programs visit our Master of Public Health program page or get in touch with one of our friendly Future Student Advisors at:

futuresstudents.unsw.edu.au/ask-question