

# Postgraduate Study Master of Public Health UNSW Medicine

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Medicine

School of Public Health and Community Medicine



## About the Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is widely recognised as essential for a career in population health, including health promotion, primary health care, policy formulation, research, and management of health programs. Many of our graduates occupy key positions in health services and universities in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and across the globe. The program offered by the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW draws on the expertise of teaching staff in a broad range of areas, and on the wealth of experience our students bring to the class room. We offer flexible learning, general and specialist MPH streams and combined Masters degree programs, as well as Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma programs.

## Program aim

The MPH program aims to prepare students for roles in education, research and service in all aspects of public health. The program includes study in epidemiology, statistics, quantitative and qualitative research methods, health promotion, health policy and health services management, as well as a systematic review of topical public health issues.

## Who should do this degree?

This program is designed to address the continuing education needs of specialists in public health as well as providing a general orientation to public health issues and methods for health professionals.

## Program mode

The MPH program is offered 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 on campus in February, July and November.

## Program structure

Eight courses must be completed, consisting of three core courses and five elective courses for a total of 48 Units of Credit (UOC). Students select electives from a broad range on offer in areas of interest and professional relevance. See: [www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/sphcm-web.nsf/page/HMPHAvail](http://www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/sphcm-web.nsf/page/HMPHAvail)

## MPH streams

Students who wish to specialise in one area may select one of the streams which are strengths within the School. The name of the stream will appear on the testamur:

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

## Combined degrees

There is also the opportunity to undertake a Master of Public Health degree combined with either a Master of Health Management degree or a Master of International Public Health degree. Combined Masters degrees can be completed full-time over 18 months.

## Research degrees

The School has a growing PhD program with over 160 candidates. Students wishing to progress from the MPH to a PhD, or develop their research capability, should

consider undertaking research electives and a project in their MPH or enrolling in the Master of Philosophy in Public Health. This is an 18 month program with 6 months of full-time coursework and a 1 year research dissertation.

## Director of program



A/Prof Glenda Lawrence  
Director Public Health Program, Associate Dean Postgraduate Coursework

The director of the Public Health Program, A/Prof

Glenda Lawrence, is an epidemiologist specialising in the monitoring and evaluation of national immunisation programs in Australia. She has worked in health-related areas in clinical, government and academic settings in research, management and teaching. Her international public health experience includes leading a WHO outbreak investigation team in Sri Lanka, and supervising a project to inform measles control strategies in rural China. Glenda's research interests focus on the epidemiology and control of communicable diseases, particularly vaccine preventable diseases, and the use of routinely collected and linked data to answer relevant research questions in this area.

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