

Graduate Certificate of Public Health (GCPU) - Grad Cert Pub Health

	On-campus	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Ipswich	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	
Standard duration:	0.5 year full-time or 1 year part-time	
Program articulation:	To ; Graduate Diploma of Public Health ; ; Master of Public Health	

Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

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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 two core courses. Upon completion of the program students will have some knowledge related to the following 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.

Program objectives

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

- (1) Critically evaluate the scope of contemporary public health practice within an interdisciplinary context.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Strategically utilise skills and theoretical knowledge to evaluate and communicate health information.

- (5) Select relevant health promotion and health protection concepts to promote population health through mediating, advocating, and enabling changes in behavioural, social, economic, cultural and physical environments.

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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work 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 full-time work experience in a healthcare setting.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

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.

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, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Graduate Certificate of Public Health consists of 4 units comprised of:

- 2 core courses worth 3 units (1 course worth 2 units);
- 1 elective.

Course	Semester Ipswich	Semester Online
PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A [#]	1,2	1,2
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)		1
Elective 1		1

Footnotes

2 unit course

Program completion requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must complete all components of the program (4 units) with a passing grade for each course.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

Students are required to undertake one (1) elective course. This course 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)
- [PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A \(Case-based Learning\)](#)
- 1 unit of elective

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [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.

Articulation

Students who graduate with the Graduate Certificate of Public Health are eligible to apply for [GDPH Graduate Diploma of Public Health](#) or [MPUH Master of Public Health](#).

Credit

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

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

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						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			1	1,2	
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)					1	1	
Elective 1					1	1	

Footnotes

+ Two unit course

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

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						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			1	1,2	
Elective 1					1	2	
Year 2 / Semester 1							
PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)					2	1	

Footnotes

+ Two unit course