

Programme Regulations: 2025/26

Master of Public Health - 5898F

Master of Public Health - 5898P

Master of Public Health - 5899P

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health - 3554F*

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health - 3554P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health - 3193P

CPD Public Health - 6017P

*These programmes are not running in 2025/26

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) *A core module for outcomes is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iv) *A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*
- (v) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Programme structure

- (a) The programmes are available for study in both full-time and part-time modes, with the exception of the Postgraduate Certificate, which is only available in part-time mode.
- (b) For the Masters, the period for full-time mode shall be one year, and part-time mode shall be two or three years.
For the Postgraduate Diploma, the period for full-time mode shall be 9 months, and part-time mode shall be 21 months.
For the Postgraduate Certificate, the period for part-time mode shall be 9 months. All programmes start in September.
- (c) The Masters programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180. The Postgraduate Diploma programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120.
The Postgraduate Certificate comprises modules to a credit value of 60.

Masters (Full-time)

- (d) All candidates for the full-time Master of Public Health (5898F) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 40 credits from list (k) below (see Section I for further information on optional module approval).

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8003 | Introduction to Health Statistics and Epidemiological Analysis | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004 | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8099 | Dissertation (Full-Time) | 60 | 5 | 5 | 50 | 7 | | | |

Masters (Part-time)

2 Year Part Time Route

- (e) All candidates for the two-year part-time Master of Public Health (5898P) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 40 credits from list (k) below (see Section I for further information on optional module approval).

Year 1:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004 | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8097* | Dissertation Part 1 (Part-Time) | 0 | | | | 7 | | | |

Year 2:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8003 | Introduction to Health Statistics and Epidemiological Analysis | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8098* | Dissertation Part 2 (Part-Time) | 60 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 7 | | | |

* MPH8097 and MPH8098 together form a single module which spans two academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in MPH8097 and summative assessment submitted in MPH8098. As there is no summative assessment in MPH8097, all credit is assigned to MPH8098.

3 Year Part Time Route

- (f) All candidates for the three-year part-time Master of Public Health (5899P) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 40 credits from list (k) below (see Section I for further information on optional module approval).

Year 1:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004 | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |

Year 2:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8003 | Introduction to Health Statistics and | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |

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|----------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Epidemiological Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| MPH8097* | Dissertation Part 1 (Part-Time) | 0 | | | | 7 | | | |

Year 3:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8098 | Dissertation Part 2 (Part-Time)* | 60 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 7 | | | |

*MPH8097 and MPH8098 together form a single module which spans two academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in MPH8097 and summative assessment submitted in MPH8098. As there is no summative assessment in MPH8097, all credit is assigned to MPH8098.

Postgraduate Diploma (Full-time)

- (g) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (3554F) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (k) below (see Section I for further information on optional module approval).

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8003 | Introduction to Health Statistics and Epidemiological Analysis | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004 | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |

Postgraduate Diploma (Part Time)

- (h) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (3554P) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (k) below (see Sections i and l for further information on optional module approval).

Year 1

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004 | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |

Year 2

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8003 | Introduction to Health Statistics and Epidemiological Analysis | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |

- (i) Optional modules can be taken in Years 1 and 2, however, the maximum credit value that can be taken in Year 1 is 20 credits.
- (j) All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (3193P) shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 20 credits from list (k) below:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8001 | Principles of Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | ✓ | |

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|---------|------------------------------------|----|----|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| MPH8002 | Research Methods for Public Health | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|----|----|--|--|---|--|--|--|

(k) Optional Modules:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Core for PSRB Accreditation | Core for learning outcomes | Mode |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| MPH8003* | Introduction to Health Statistics and Epidemiological Analysis | 20 | 20 | | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8004* | Social and Commercial Determinants of Health | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8005 | Global Health and Planetary Boundaries | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8006 | Applied Epidemiology and Data Science | 20 | | 20 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8007 | Ageing across the Life Course | 10 | | 10 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8008 | Health Economics | 10 | | 10 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8009 | Health Improvement: Theory, Policy and Practice | 10 | | 10 | | 7 | | | |
| MPH8010 | Public Health Protection | 10 | | 10 | | 7 | | | |

*Modules are only available as options for the Postgraduate Certificate award.

- (l) Optional modules must be approved by the Degree Programme Director and must not exceed the University regulations in relation to credit splits across semesters, i.e., no more than 70 credits per semester for the full-time award. Degree Programme Director approval is also required for part-time awards to ensure an appropriate balance between semesters and years.
- (m) All taught modules are available for study as standalone CPD under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) Regulations. Modules passed under these regulations will not contribute to an award, however candidates who wish to go on to study for one of the awards listed above may be able to transfer their credits – see section 3 (c) for the criteria for transfer.

2. Assessment Methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Progression and Assessment

- (a) The Masters degree, the Postgraduate Diploma and the Postgraduate Certificate are awarded as follows:
- a. 50 – 59 Pass
 - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
 - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.
- i. For the award of Masters, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction, candidates must also have passed all modules on the first occasion without the need for resits.
- ii. For the award of Masters, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate with Merit, candidates must also have either passed all modules on the first occasion without a need for resits or have no more than 20 credits of modules passed by resits.
- (b) Candidates studying the Masters may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 taught credits have been passed or a Postgraduate Diploma if 120 taught credits have been passed. Candidates studying the Postgraduate Diploma may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 taught credits have been passed. These may be awarded as follows:
- a. 50 -59 Pass
 - b. 60 -69 Pass with Merit
 - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.
- (c) Candidates studying on a standalone basis who wish to be considered for the above Postgraduate Certificate award must transfer onto the programme after passing modules to a maximum value of 20 credits, approval of the transfer will be dependent on the modules passed and the requirements of the programme regulations. Candidates studying on a standalone basis who wish to be considered for the above Postgraduate Diploma or Masters awards must transfer onto the appropriate programme after passing modules to a maximum value of 40 credits, approval of the transfer will be dependent on the modules passed, the validity of the modules and the requirements of the programme regulations.

4. Exemptions to the University's Taught Programme Regulations

(a) **Section G – Section The Award and Classification of Masters Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates**
Section G – Section The Award of Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma (Exit Awards)

The Public Health programme has an exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations in relation to the criteria for determining awards with Merit and Distinction (entry awards), approved by the Faculty Education Committee – see Section 3. (a).

The Public Health programme has an exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations which allows exit awards with Merit or Distinction - see section 3. (b).

(b) In the event of any inconsistency between the programme and University regulations in relation to the above section, the programme regulations take precedence over the University regulations. Further guidance is contained in the Programme Handbook available on the VLE.