

# Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (PGDipPH – 120 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2026.
- (b) This diploma was first offered in 2026.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these regulations.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points from Schedule V to these regulations towards the qualification; and
- (b) be credited with a minimum of 60 points from Schedule C to these regulations; and
- (c) be credited with 15 points from Schedule E to these regulations.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health, a student must have:

- (a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
- (b) either:
  - i. qualified for a university degree in an area which is relevant to public health e.g. communications, data science, economics, geography, health sciences, Māori and Indigenous studies, psychology, politics, statistics, sociology, or any other relevant degree subject to approval of the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate with at least a B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses; or
  - ii. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (c) been approved for the degree by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.

## 5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors, or endorsements for this qualification.

## 6. Time limits

The qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with a time limit of 48 months.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with the following stipulation:

- (a) With prior approval from the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, a student may be credited up to 30 points of relevant and equivalent postgraduate level courses from another school, department, faculty or from another university or tertiary institute.

## 8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulation:

- (a) A student will be withdrawn from the qualification if they fail more than 30 points.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Public Health and have credits transferred.

(b) A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Public Health and have their Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health subsumed as stipulated in the General Regulations to the University.

(c) A student who has not met the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate for admission.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

| Course Code | Course Title  | Pts | 2026 | Location | P/C/R/RP/EQ  |
|-------------|---|-----|------|----------|--|
| HLTH470     | Qualitative Research Methods for Health                 | 15  | S2   | Campus   | P: Subject to approval of the Head of School.<br>R: HLTH408                      |
| PUBH420     | Public Health Essentials: Building Blocks for Impact    | 15  | S1   | Campus   | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic                              |
| PUBH421     | Hauora Māori  | 15  | S2   | Campus   | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic<br>R: HLTH409<br>RP: PUBH420 |
| PUBH422     | Health Systems in Action: Policy, Innovation and Equity | 15  | S1   | Campus   | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic<br>R: HLTH401<br>EQ: HLTH401 |

## Schedule E: Elective Course for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

| Course Code | Course Title                        | Pts | 2026 | Location | P/C/R/RP/EQ   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----|------|----------|---|
| HLTH460     | Epidemiology and Critical Appraisal | 15  | S1   | Campus   | P: Subject to approval from Head of School                |
| PUBH424     | Social and Political Epidemiology   | 15  | S2   | Campus   | P: PUBH420. Subject to approval Associate Dean - Academic |

## Schedule V: Valid Course for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

| Course Code | Course Title                                  | Pts | 2026 | Location          | P/C/R/RP/EQ   |
|-------------|---|-----|------|-------------------|---|
| DATA422     | Data Wrangling for Data Science               | 15  | S2   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department of Mathematics and Statistics. |
|             |   |     | S2   | Distance Learning |   |
| DATA423     | Data Science in Industry                      | 15  | S1   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department of Mathematics and Statistics. |
|             |   |     | S1   | Distance Learning |   |
|             |   |     | S2   | Campus            |   |
|             |   |     | S2   | Distance Learning |   |
| DRRE401     | Introduction to Disaster Risk and Resilience  | 15  | X    | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director<br>R: HAZM401                  |
| GEOG401     | Wellbeing, Community and Place                | 30  | S2   | Campus            | P: Entry subject to approval of the Head of Department.<br>R: GEOG452           |
| GISC422     | Foundations of Geographic Information Systems | 15  | SU1  | Campus            | R: GEOG205; DIGI205<br>RP: Undergraduate degree or diploma                      |
|             |   |     | S1   | Campus            |   |

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| HLTH403 | Environmental Health                                      | 30 | S2 | Campus            | P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.                      |
|         |   |    | S2 | Distance Learning |   |
| HLTH410 | Leading and Motivating People in Healthcare Organizations | 30 | S2 | Manawa            | P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.                          |
| HLTH430 | Motivating Behaviour Change I                             | 30 | S1 | Manawa            | P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.                          |
| HLTH460 | Epidemiology and Critical Appraisal                       | 15 | S1 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval from Head of School  |
| HLTH470 | Qualitative Research Methods for Health                   | 15 | S2 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of School.<br>R: HLTH408                       |
| MBAZ601 | Accounting for Managers                                   | 15 | S1 | Campus            | R: ACCT601  |
|         |   |    | X3 | UC Online         |   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Campus            |   |
| MBUS603 | Managing People and Performance                           | 15 | S1 | Campus            | R: MGMT207  |
| MKTG634 | Consumer Insights   | 15 | S1 | Campus            | R: MKTG204  |
| POLS442 | Policy and Governance in the Pacific and New Zealand      | 30 | S2 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.<br>R: POLS402                   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Distance Learning |   |
| POLS446 | Political Economy of Economic Growth and Development      | 30 | NO |                   | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.<br>R: POLS407, DIPL407, ILAP671 |
| POLS449 | Wicked Problems, Politics, and Justice                    | 30 | NO |                   | P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department                                  |
| PUBH420 | Public Health Essentials: Building Blocks for Impact      | 15 | S1 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic                               |
| PUBH421 | Hauora Māori  | 15 | S2 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic<br>R: HLTH409<br>RP: PUBH420  |
| PUBH422 | Health Systems in Action: Policy, Innovation and Equity   | 15 | S1 | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic<br>R: HLTH401<br>EQ: HLTH401  |
| PUBH424 | Social and Political Epidemiology                         | 15 | S2 | Campus            | P: PUBH420. Subject to approval Associate Dean - Academic                         |
| STAT448 | Big Data  | 15 | X1 | UC Online         | P: Subject to approval of the Head of School                                      |
|         |   |    | S1 | Campus            |   |
|         |   |    | S1 | Distance Learning |   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Campus            |   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Distance Learning |   |
|         |   |    | X3 | UC Online         |   |
| STAT462 | Data Mining   | 15 | X1 | UC Online         | P: Subject to approval of the Head of School.                                     |
|         |   |    | S1 | Campus            |   |
|         |   |    | S1 | Distance Learning |   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Campus            |   |
|         |   |    | S2 | Distance Learning |   |
|         |   |    | X4 | UC Online         |   |