

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- (a) A student will be withdrawn from the qualification if they fail more than 30 points.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

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. 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 R: HLTH409 RP: PUBH420
PUBH422	Health Systems in Action: Policy, Innovation and Equity	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic R: HLTH401 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 R: HAZM401
GEOG401	Wellbeing, Community and Place	30	S2	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: GEOG452
GISC422	Foundations of Geographic Information Systems	15	SU1	Campus	R: GEOG205; DIGI205
			S1	Campus	RP: Undergraduate degree or diploma

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. 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. R: POLS402
			S2	Distance Learning	
POLS446	Political Economy of Economic Growth and Development	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. 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 R: HLTH409 RP: PUBH420
PUBH422	Health Systems in Action: Policy, Innovation and Equity	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean - Academic R: HLTH401 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	