

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH (PGDIPPH)

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (PGDipPH) is a 120-point professionally focused postgraduate qualification for those looking to build knowledge and skills in population health.

Overview

Students develop a strong foundation in public health practice, with emphasis on equity, systems thinking, and community engagement. Core areas include epidemiology, health systems, Māori and Pasifika health, and health promotion.

The PGDipPH can be completed as a standalone qualification or used as a pathway into the 180-point Master of Public Health (MPH).

This flexible programme combines core knowledge and elective options to support a broad understanding of public health practice.

What does the programme cover?

Core courses include:

- PUBH420 – Public Health Essentials: Building Blocks for Impact
- PUBH421 – Hauora Māori
- PUBH422 – Health Systems in Action: Policy, Innovation and Equity
- PUBH424 – Social and Political Epidemiology
- HLTH470 – Qualitative Research Methods for Health



Electives (up to 45 points)

Students may select from approved postgraduate courses across the Faculty of Health, tailored to areas of interest (subject to availability and academic approval).

Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared for public health roles in:

- Government agencies (e.g. Ministry of Health, Te Whatu Ora)
- NGOs and PHOs
- Community-based health organisations
- Policy and research settings

The diploma supports practical, evidence-based approaches to addressing public health issues in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

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START DATES

February or July

DURATION

12 months full-time
(or part-time up to 4 years)

POINTS

120

PATHWAY TO

Master of Public Health
(MPH – 180 points)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Entry Requirements

To apply, you'll need:

- A relevant bachelor's degree with a B average at 300-level (e.g. health sciences, Māori and Indigenous studies, sociology, psychology, statistics, etc.)
- Or academic equivalent standing
- International students must meet UC's English language requirements

Admission is subject to approval by the Executive Dean of Health or delegate.

How to Apply

Apply online through the UC Admissions portal:
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