

CHOOSING THE RIGHT POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Anton Breinl Centre for Public Health and Tropical Medicine has an extensive range of options for health professionals interested in public health, tropical and travel medicine. The programs fall into three general categories:

- >> Public health coursework programs (including research oriented subjects)
- >> Clinical coursework programs
- >> Research degrees and subjects

The descriptions below are designed to assist you in choosing the most suitable program for your requirements. The schedules are flexible and cater for both full time and part time working students.

Note: some Commonwealth supported places are available for students. Contact the Anton Breinl Centre for further information (contact details are listed on the back cover).

>> Public health coursework programs

If you want a postgraduate degree in public health and have an undergraduate degree plus extensive health experience, consider the following programs:

- >> Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- >> Master of Public Health
- >> Master of Public Health/Master of Business Administration
- >> Postgraduate Diploma of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- >> Postgraduate Certificate in Disaster and Refugee Health

If you already have a Masters degree in public health and would like to progress to a professional doctorate in public health, consider the:

- >> Doctor of Public Health Studies
- >> Doctor of Public Health

If you have extensive health experience but don't have an undergraduate degree, there are other options to progress to gaining postgraduate qualifications. Contact the Anton Breinl Centre for further information (contact details are listed on the back cover).

>> Public health programs with a more clinical focus

The following programs are designed for medical or nursing graduates:

- >> Postgraduate Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- >> Postgraduate Certificate of Travel Medicine
- >> Postgraduate Certificate of Infection Control

>> Programs with a research component

If you want to do research as part of your studies, consider the following programs:

- >> Doctor of Public Health
- >> Doctor of Philosophy
- >> Master of Science (Tropical Medical Science)

Research subjects can also be included as electives within the coursework programs.

>> Teaching delivery modes

To enable flexibility for our students in fitting their study around work and family commitments, the Anton Breinl Centre offers its subjects in a variety of teaching modes:

> **Block mode:** subjects are taught over 2 weeks face-to-face, in venues in Townsville and Cairns. Block subjects allow for free exchange of ideas in a multidisciplinary student environment. This mode is intensive, but worth it. Exams are included in the block. High level fluency in English is required. See timetable for enrolment dates.

> **External mode:** subjects are taught by distance, with study materials mailed to students. There is no face-to-face teaching, but increasing on-line activity (LearnJCU). One must enrol before the Study Period census dates.

> **Limited attendance mode:** part external and part mini-block mode. Notes are sent to students prior to the mini-block, and students come together for face-to-face interaction for 3–5 days. One must enrol before the Study Period census dates.

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>> **Coursework programs and credit points**

Coursework programs at JCU are based on a system of credit points. For example, a postgraduate certificate comprises 12 credit points (four 3-credit point subjects). Individual postgraduate subjects are usually worth three credit points.

To check the credit point value of a subject, look at the final digit of its code. For example, TM5536:03 Refugee Health is a 3-credit point subject.

>> **Where are the block mode subjects taught?**

Teaching venues for the block mode and limited attendance mode subjects will vary. The majority are offered in Townsville at the Anton Breinl Centre building at the main campus in Douglas. Your subject coordinator will keep you informed of these details.

Please note: some subjects are offered on the basis of minimum student enrolments and for Refugee Health, Disaster Health Management and Clinical Tropical Paediatrics a maximum limit applies.

>> **Medals / Excellence is Rewarded**

Each year the Anton Breinl Centre for the School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences awards three medals to recognize the performance of our best postgraduate coursework students graduating in the MPH, MPH&TM or Postgraduate Certificate in Travel Medicine in that year. All medals are only awarded if the best student achieves a grade point average of 6.0 or greater.

> **ACTM Medal**

This Medal is awarded for the best overall performance in the MPH&TM and is sponsored by The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine.

> **Sidney Sax Medal**

This Medal is awarded for the best overall performance in the MPH and is sponsored by the Anton Breinl Centre for the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and is endorsed by the Sax Family.

> **MASTA Medal**

This Medal is awarded for outstanding overall achievement in the PGCTravelMed and is sponsored by the Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad.

> **Graduate with Distinction**

With Distinction may be recommended for students achieving a GPA of 6.0 or above in the MPH or MPH&TM.