Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER
• Access to world-class teachers
• Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
• Expand your career opportunities
  • Benefit from small class sizes
• Connect with professional networks
• Flexible learning, online and face-to-face
• Balance work and family commitments

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT
Inspire and guide change on a broad scale. JCU graduates are equipped to address health problems of communities, as well as influencing policies that affect the health of societies.

ACCELERATED CAREER ADVANCEMENT
Experience has no substitute. JCU graduates are highly regarded for skills developed through authentic learning opportunities.

DEVELOP GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
Gain insight and respond to underlying determinants of health. Learn from JCU lecturers with worldwide public health experience.
Public Health

✔ Take the next step in your health career with the Master of Public Health at JCU. Tailor your course to fit your personal career aspirations with elective subjects or a substantial research component.

✔ Specialise in public health issues relevant to Australia, the Tropics, and to developing nations worldwide.

✔ Draw on your knowledge of recent developments in tropical healthcare to make responsible, informed and ethical decisions. Use the knowledge and skills you acquire to effect meaningful change in public health.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations: External, elective block mode subjects in Cairns and Townsville
Commencing: February, July
Duration: 1.5 years full-time (Masters), Part-time available
Prerequisites: AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline, or equivalent

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.
You can tailor your Master of Public Health to match your interests and career aspirations. Choose from more than 40 diverse subjects that include the following topic areas and more:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Aeromedical retrieval
- Biostatistics
- Communicable disease control
- Disaster health and humanitarian emergencies
- Diving and marine medicine
- Empowerment and change
- Entomology
- Epidemiology
- Expedition and wilderness medicine
- Health economics
- Health promotion and social science
- Injury prevention, safety and workplace health
- Management, leadership and crisis management
- One Health and Global Health
- Parasitology, microbiology and immunology
- Planning, and policy development and evaluation
- Public health placement
- Reproductive health
- Research methods and research project or dissertation
- Tropical medicine
- Tropical public health

“JCU’s Master of Public Health is facilitated by dedicated, experienced staff who recognise each student as an individual and with a unique set of postgraduate circumstances. This understanding provides course flexibility across various study modes, ensuring that the balance between studies and life remains achievable and enjoyable. A must do for any health care practitioner wishing to further themselves.”

Nathan Dawes  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Progress your studies

Pursue your passion to a higher level through nested qualifications. You can enter directly into a Master of Public Health, or use the Graduate Certificate of Public Health as a stepping stone towards your Masters.

Master of Public Health
(36 CREDIT POINTS)

Graduate Certificate of Public Health
(12 CREDIT POINTS)
Career Opportunities

JCU Public Health graduates find challenging and rewarding careers. Graduates go on to work in regional, rural, and remote locations in Australia and internationally.

You could find employment in state and commonwealth government organisations, health care settings, community settings, non-profit and International organisations both within and beyond the health sector. Roles can involve work that focuses on the protection of the health of the population, prevention of poor health outcomes and promotion of health and wellbeing. Opportunities to engage in further research training via a Doctor of Public Health (Research) is also a possibility.

“In Public Health and Tropical Medicine, we have an unusually broad range of subjects that allows students to tailor their Master degree to meet any one of the many options that public health graduates have. For example we run a suite of subjects in aeromedical retrieval. For those interested in the Tropics, we offer tropical medicine, travel medicine and communicable disease control. We have several subjects that suit those interested in humanitarian and emergency work. For those interested in global health more generally we run subjects in global health and development, reproductive health in developing countries and offer the chance for student to combine their studies with work abroad through the public health placement option.”

Dr Stephanie Topp
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the Online Application Portal.

Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You’ll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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