Graduate Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Ready today for tomorrow
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 a whole, 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 assessment.

DEVELOP GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Gain insight and respond to intellectual, economic and social challenges. Learn from JCU lecturers with worldwide public health experience.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU’s range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.
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- Undertake advanced studies of the medical issues in tropical Australia and its close neighbours with the Graduate Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.
- Study epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of tropical diseases in depth.
- Gain a specialised education for detecting, preventing, and controlling diseases in tropical, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. Develop your evidence-based approach using recent developments in the field.

**COURSE DETAILS:**

- Locations: Townsville
- Commencing: February, July
- Duration: 1 year full-time, Part-time available
- Prerequisites: Bachelor degree in a relative health discipline, or equivalent.

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.
Experience has no substitute

The Graduate Diploma of Public Health and Tropical Medicine is a qualification in its own right, and can be used as a pathway to into our Masters program. Opportunities to engage in further research training via a PhD is also possible.

The broad range of elective subjects available gives the opportunity for specialised focus on tropical Australia, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, or in Australia’s tropical neighbours.

Subjects are offered as flexible delivery, which includes external mode (distance education), limited attendance mode, and block mode/intensives.

JCU Public Health and Tropical Medicine graduates acquire the knowledge and practical skills needed to enhance their practice and manage public health priorities in tropical environments.
“I chose to study at JCU as I had completed a master’s degree in public health here and wanted to delve deeper into health conditions of the tropics. JCU offered some unique electives that really piqued my interest. Alumni have networking opportunities across the world or could even return as a casual academic.”

Helen Truscott
GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE
Career Opportunities

JCU tropical medicine and hygiene graduates are equipped with expert knowledge and practical skills necessary to pursue work in tropical environments.

Graduates specialise in travel medicine, infectious diseases, and remote practice. You could find employment in State and Commonwealth Government organisations, health care and community settings, non-profit and international organisations. Work in roles to control disease, protect the health of people living in tropical areas, and promote health and wellbeing.

You could also undertake aid work in areas such as the western Pacific and Southeast Asia.

“The Tropics are home to 40 per cent of the world’s population - and growing. There is a significant burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases in this region. JCU’s postgraduate course in tropical medicine and hygiene is recognised for membership of The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine. The current course has been running for more than 25 years, although it was originally offered in Townsville in 1925, as part of the Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine. It provides the opportunity to develop a core skill set around the practice of medicine in the tropics, with supporting clinical and scientific pillars of tropical medicine, parasitology, entomology, tropical public health and epidemiology. Students may also explore other unique postgraduate subjects, such as travel medicine and public health in humanitarian emergencies.”

Professor Peter Leggat, AM
COURSE COORDINATOR
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. For this course, students require an undergraduate health degree. 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.

The entry requirements for each course are included on the Apply now page for the course.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more, call 1800 246 446 or contact the Student Enquiry Centre.