Public health is the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organised efforts of society.

From fighting new and emerging infectious diseases like Ebola and Zika, to tackling major chronic diseases such as obesity or diabetes, to ensuring every child has access to a strong start to life, to working to prevent domestic violence or increase rates of vaccination, the challenges facing public health in the 21st century are complex and require the collaborative efforts of professionals in many different fields.

Public health is changing and so are we.

We’ve spent two years consulting widely to bring you a renewed Master of Public Health at the University of Adelaide. We’ve reoriented our degree programs with a strong focus on preparation for professional practice including the important skills needed to solve public health challenges of the 21st century - the ability to work collaboratively across disciplines, to advocate for and lead, solutions that impact on the health of whole populations and to think critically about the evidence needed to make a real difference.

The degree has 3 specialisations: Public Health, Evidence-Based Health Care and Population Oral Health.

We will work with you to develop a customised study plan which aligns with your career goals and assists you to select the specialisation or combination of electives that best match your interests and aspirations.

Why study the Master of Public Health?

> You are inspired by the potential to play a leading role in tackling the big health challenges of the 21st century.
> You can choose from one of our specialisations or design your own with our customised study planning.
> We offer the flexibility to balance your study with your life outside of university.
> Our academics are leaders in their fields and our teaching staff have been recognised nationally for their teaching excellence.
> We have an extensive network of alumni and industry partners providing you with the professional contacts needed to enhance your career development.

What is the Master of Public Health?

MPH is an internationally recognised qualification for those seeking to be leaders in public health.

The renewed MPH combines a rigorous grounding in all the core disciplines of public health with innovative teaching, work-integrated learning and the development of strong analytical skills and research literacy.

You will work closely with active researchers, practitioners and policy makers to solve real-world problems in real-world settings.

Who should study this degree?

The MPH is suitable for existing public health professionals, new public health graduates and those seeking a change in career direction.
Program Structure

Duration
There are two pathways available in the MPH: a conversion pathway for students with no prior public health experience; and an extension pathway for graduates of degrees with a strong public health component.

The conversion program is 2 years full time or part time equivalent.
The extension program is either 1.5 or 1 year full time depending on the prior degree.

Academic credit may be granted on a case by case basis.

Students can also progress to the Masters via a Graduate Certificate in Public Health and a Graduate Diploma in Public Health also available from the University of Adelaide.

Core courses
> Introduction to Epidemiology
> Introduction to Biostatistics
> Global Public Health
> Environmental and Occupational Health
> Promoting Health in Individuals and Populations
> Knowing What Works - Evaluation for Public Health
> Leadership and Advocacy for Public Health Action

Capstone
> Professional Practice Placement
OR Dissertation
OR Thesis

Electives
Courses from the following:
> Qualitative Research Methods in Health
> Biostatistics
> Epidemiological Research Methods
> Health Economics
> Health Economic Evaluation and Decision Making
> Occupational Hygiene and Ergonomics
> Diseases of Occupation
> Toxicology and Safety Management
> Public Health Ethics
> Health Technology Assessment
> Introduction to Evidence-Based Health Care
> Synthesising Economic Evidence
> Synthesising Qualitative Evidence
> Clinical Wisdom in Evidence Based Practice
> Developing Clinical Guidelines
> Dental Public Health
> Prevention of Oral Disease
> Oral Health Policy
> Indigenous Oral Health
> Oral Epidemiology
> Societal Determinants of Oral Health

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We invite you to join us at the University of Adelaide, whether you are an existing health professional wishing to enhance the orientation of your skills and knowledge, or a new graduate aspiring to enter this rapidly developing field of health.

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