

**Graduate Certificate of Public Health (GCPU) - Grad Cert Pub  
Health**

- (5) Select relevant health promotion and health protection concepts to promote population health through mediating, advocating, and enabling changes in behavioural, social, economic, cultural and physical environments.

## Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of a three-year or four-year bachelor degree in the area of health, or equivalent, with a GPA > 4.8;  
**OR**
- Completion of a university three-year or four-year bachelor degree in a different discipline with a GPA > 4.8, and completion of one year full-time work experience in a healthcare setting.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a student's higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### Program structure

The Graduate Certificate of Public Health consists of 4 units comprised of:

- 2 core courses worth 3 units (1 course worth 2 units);
- 1 elective.

Course	Semester	Notes
<a href="#">PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A</a> <sup>#</sup>	1,2	Includes mandatory residential school in Ipswich
<a href="#">PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A (Case-based Learning)</a>	1	Includes mandatory online workshop attendance
Elective 1	1	

#### Footnotes

# 2 unit course

### Program completion requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must complete all components of the program (4 units) with a passing grade for each course.

### Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

### Electives/Approved courses

Students are required to undertake one (1) elective course. This course must contribute to the knowledge and skills required of public health practitioners, and approved by the Masters of Public Health Program Director.

### Coursework

#### Coursework courses

- [PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A](#) (2 units)
- [PUH8030 Public Health in Practice A \(Case-based Learning\)](#)
- 1 unit of elective

### IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

### Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

Students are required to attend one (1) mandatory residential school on the Ipswich campus. The residential school will be held Friday to Sunday to accommodate students who are employed.

- [PUH8010 Integrated Public Health Core A](#)

## **Articulation**

Students who graduate with the Graduate Certificate of Public Health are eligible to apply for [GDPH Graduate Diploma of Public Health](#) or [MPUH Master of Public Health](#).

## **Credit**

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

## **Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 1 intake (full-time)**

Students are able to enrol in any of