

- **Overview**

The Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health is an advanced qualification designed to equip busy health professionals with a recognised qualification from a top UK university while continuing to work at the same time.

The knowledge and skills you develop will help to expand your sphere of influence in a current health role or provide a base from which to explore employment opportunities in a public health setting. If you pass the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health successfully, and feel confident to continue with your studies, we will give you the option to enrol on further modules to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health or the full Master of Public Health programme

- **Course structure**

The Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 60 credits at Level 7.

- **Level 7 modules:**

Health Promotion (20 Credits)
Topics in Public Health (20 Credits)
Health Needs Assessment and Priority Setting (20 Credits)

Upon completion of your PG Cert Public Health we offer the opportunity for you to progress on to study for a PG Dip Public Health (120 credits) or a Master of Public Health (MPH) (180 credits).

- **Course Duration:** 8 Months
- **Mode:** Online

Entry requirements

We have flexible entry requirements that look at both your academic and work-based experience as well as your motivation to do the course. There are two entry routes onto our Postgraduate Certificate of Public Health:

1. Academic Entry Route

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for this course you must have the following qualifications as a minimum:

An undergraduate degree from an approved institution equivalent to a UK Honours degree or a relevant professional qualification.

English language proficiency should be at a level equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5. If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test. You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

2. Work Experience Entry Route

We recognise that you can gain skills in a wide variety of ways and that prior academic performance is not the only indicator of an applicant's ability. Therefore, if you do not meet the minimum academic standards above, you may still be eligible to enrol via our Work Experience Entry Route.

In order to satisfy the Work Experience Entry Route requirements for this course you must meet the following criteria as a minimum:

- At least 5 years' relevant senior level work experience.
- English language proficiency should be at a level equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

Your application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account your motivation for doing the course, prior work experience, CPD and other relevant qualifications that demonstrate your ability to successfully complete the programme.

- **Assessment**

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams. Assessment for the MPH will be based on a combination of written assignments, engagement in online discussion forums and the completion of a dissertation based on an individual research project.

You will be able to see your current provisional marks from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve. We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your Masters course.

We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform;
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date;
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams;
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser; and
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria.

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.

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