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UNSW Medicine & Health

# School of Population Health

## Introducing the School of Population Health

At UNSW School of Population Health, we're proudly leading the way in educating the next generation of health professionals. Led by a team of world-class educators, researchers and practitioners, we're working to drive positive change across various public health contexts.

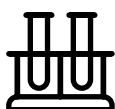
Our vision is to transform and uplift people's health in Australia and around the world. Our faculty brings experience from multiple disciplines in local and international settings. These diverse perspectives allow us to examine health systems, policies, programs and real-world outcomes with a focus on equity, diversity and social justice.

[Find out more](#)



### Most employable graduates

AFR Top 100 Future Leaders & Graduate Employers Awards 2020–2026



**#17 globally for public health research**  
Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025



**#5 in Australia for life sciences and medicine**  
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025

## Why study population health at UNSW?

UNSW School of Population Health is at the forefront of education, research and transformation. Our programs drive real-world impact where students work to solve complex local and global health system challenges. You'll learn through a combination of lectures, research projects and placements. And you'll do it all under the guidance of experienced educators, practitioners and researchers from diverse health backgrounds who value equity and innovation.



**Tailored**  
Two master's degrees in less than two years

At UNSW, you can combine two study areas within the School of Population Health and graduate with two master's degrees in two years or less.



**Impact**  
Real-world impact beyond the classroom

Join an innovative, research-led school that directly impacts health and healthcare outcomes in Australia and beyond.



**Connect**  
Build connections and experience from day one

Take advantage of UNSW's global network of health organisations and gain real-world experience through an internship or work placement.



**Research**  
Take your research to the next level

You'll have the opportunity to extend your degree to complete a research project, which can open the door for a future PhD.

# Our Postgraduate study areas

## Public Health

**Promoting health for all before illness strikes.**

**What you'll study:**

Public Health focuses on disease prevention and control and health promotion within local and global communities. Topics include epidemiology, biostatistics, health economics and health policy, as well as research methods. You'll learn how to identify, prevent and contain disease, and understand the social and economic factors that contribute to health inequality.

**Who it's suited to:**

People who care about improving the overall health of communities, addressing health inequalities between social and cultural groups and proactively preventing the spread of disease.

[Find out more](#)

## Global Health

**Examine public health, disease control and health equity from a global perspective.**

**What you'll study:**

Combining epidemiology, biostatistics, health policy and health service design, Global Health provides an international perspective on the health of populations. You'll build multidisciplinary skills across a range of public health contexts, while exploring the social, political and economic factors that influence health and health systems within and between nations.

**Who it's suited to:**

Curious, passionate learners seeking a career without borders. Perfect for students looking to specialise and healthcare professionals looking to accelerate their career progression and unlock global opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

## Health Leadership & Management

**Drive positive change at the root of our healthcare systems.**

**What you'll study:**

Health Leadership & Management is about examining the principles and policies that underpin health management practice. You'll develop advanced analytical and evidence-based decision-making skills and develop your expertise in healthcare governance, strategy and change management, healthcare finance and economics, and workforce management.

**Who it's suited to:**

Future leaders who want to break into a management role within the healthcare or those already working in the field who want to fast-track their career progression.

[Find out more](#)

## Infectious Diseases Intelligence

**Understand how to identify, prevent and manage the spread of infectious diseases.**

**What you'll study:**

Infectious Disease Intelligence is critical to population health. This Program focuses on public health aspects of infectious disease surveillance and intelligence, outbreak investigation and response, and infection prevention and mitigation.

**Who's it suited to:**

Fast-thinking decision-makers who want to play a leading role in controlling infectious diseases and health emergencies across a range of contexts and settings.

[Find out more](#)



## Explore our dual masters programs

At UNSW, you can complete a dual degree in record time. Combine your interests and give yourself a competitive edge in the job market by combining two master's programs in under two years.

**Duration: 1.7 years full-time**

- [Master of Health Leadership & Management / Master of Public Health](#)

Explore your passion for improving public health outcomes while developing the leadership skills to drive change across health systems, services and policies.

- [Master of Global Health / Master of Public Health](#)

Develop a robust understanding of the elements that underpin health systems and examine health initiatives, outcomes and policy from a global perspective.

- [Master of Public Health / Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence](#)

Work alongside practitioners and academics to develop solutions to real-world health challenges, focusing on infectious disease prevention and control.

- [Master of Global Health / Master of Health Leadership & Management](#)

Build transferable skills and leverage UNSW's global network to lead the charge in uplifting health outcomes for populations around the world.

- [Master of Health Leadership & Management / Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence](#)

Develop critical thinking, analytical and leadership skills to play a vital role in preventing and managing the spread of infectious diseases.

- [Master of Global Health / Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence](#)

Build a robust skill set to tackle contemporary global health challenges, spanning disease intelligence, health policy and outbreak management.

## Complete a research project

You can add an extension component to any single or dual degree within the School of Population Health. Take on additional research methodology courses and/or an advanced research project. An extension degree is a great stepping stone for enrolling in a PhD or for those who want to hone their research skills.

### Single extension degrees

Duration: 1.7 years full-time

- [Master of Public Health \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Health Leadership and Management \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Global Health \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence \(Extension\)](#)

### Dual extension degrees

Duration: 2 years full-time

- [Master of Health Leadership and Management/ Master of Public Health \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Global Health/Public Health \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Public Health \(Extension\)/ Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence](#)
- [Master of Health Leadership and Management/ Master of Global Health \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Health Leadership and Management/ Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence \(Extension\)](#)
- [Master of Global Health \(Extension\)/ Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence](#)



## Our alumni



### **Anna Gibbs**

Master of Public Health (Extension)

"If I think back to my years at Zimmerman, I never knew I would do an MPH, never knew I would do medicine. UNSW's MPH with research has just opened so many doors. Once those doors open, if you follow your interests, the world's your oyster."



### **Alen Putra**

Master of Global Health/Master of Health Leadership and Management

"I have learnt a lot of theoretical frameworks during my studying here at UNSW and I am sure I can input much of what I have learnt into the context of the Indonesian healthcare system."

[Hear from our Population Health alumni](#)

## Prepare for a career in Australia and beyond

Studying at the school of population health can lead you down all kinds of career paths. Here are some areas and industries your career might take you:

- Local area health services
- Government agencies, such as the NSW Ministry of Health
- Integrated healthcare services
- C-suite health service roles
- Government health policy
- Health promotion and advocacy
- Medical communications and program management
- UN-based health organisations and NGOs
- International aid and first responder organisations
- Universities and research institutions

You may have the option to continue your research after graduation. Adding a postgraduate research component to your masters is a great stepping stone to a future PhD, or to further work in research centres or on clinical trials. Many of our postgraduate students receive funding and scholarships to support their research.

## Our industry partners

Our ability to deliver world-class medical education and significant healthcare breakthroughs couldn't be achieved without the strength of our affiliated medical research institutes. [Explore our UNSW Medicine & Health partnerships](#) and how they contribute to improving health outcomes in Australia and beyond.



**Black Dog Institute**



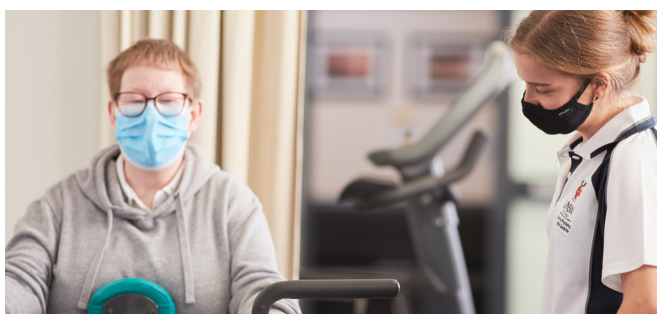
**The George Institute for Global Health**



**Garvan Institute of Medical Research**



**The Kirby Institute**



**The Ingham Institute**



**National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)**

## Still curious?

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