

Prospective Students: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do I need to enter studies in public health?

To enter into the Graduate Diploma in Public Health, you need to have completed a recognised bachelor degree, graduate diploma, masters degree or equivalent international qualification. Registered nurses who are graduates of a hospital-based program are also eligible for entry. Consideration will be given to applicants who hold a graduate certificate.

For admission to the Master of Public Health, you will need to have completed a recognised bachelor degree or a graduate diploma or masters degree in a related area; or a recognised bachelor degree plus an honours or a graduate diploma or masters degree in a non-related area.

Related areas include: public health, health science, primary health care, medicine, social science or health promotion.

Note: Bachelor of Nursing is not an approved degree for the Master of Public Health. Applicants with a degree in this field are encouraged to apply for either the Graduate Diploma of Health Research or Public Health. Applicants with extensive experience in rural and remote practice may be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants who have completed Charles Darwin University's Graduate Certificate of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control or Graduate Certificate of Epidemiology are also eligible for entry.

Applicants who have successfully completed a bachelor degree in a non-related area should apply for the Graduate Diploma in Public Health and then apply to articulate to the Master of Public Health. There is no disadvantage in this as all the units in the Graduate Diploma are exactly the same as those in the Master of Public Health; they're assessed the same and they cost the same.

The Graduate Diploma is 8 units and then you'd need to apply for the Masters and complete another 4 units to be awarded your Master of Public Health.

Alternatively, instead of the extra 4 coursework units, you can complete the Masters by undertaking a research project which is like a mini-thesis: 20 000 - 25 000 words in length.

Note: there is no need to achieve a particular grade in order to progress to the Masters.

How do I apply?

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All applications for postgraduate coursework courses are received and processed through the [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(SATAC\)](#)

International Students

All international students are required to apply for admission through the CDU International Office: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply>

An offer of a place in the public health coursework program is conditional upon the satisfactory completion of the University's English Language Proficiency Requirements.

Note: the coursework program is not available through the CRICOS Register and is only available to international students who are residing in Australia under a visa which permits study.

Can I use the Master of Public Health to enter a PhD?

To be eligible for entry to a PhD you must have completed the equivalent of an Australian bachelor degree with second class honours, or other qualifications and/or experience equivalent to this degree. So, completing the MPH won't necessarily get you into a PhD unless you complete the MPH with a combination of coursework and research project and if you have publications as well, then you may be able to demonstrate honours equivalence.

How are Menzies courses delivered?

Our courses are offered online. For some units, there are options to attend face to face, depending on your learning style and academic needs. There is no additional cost to attend face to face versus online.

How do I choose my units?

We advise you to complete the core units before undertaking the electives. However, if you have a strong interest in particular electives you can enrol in them earlier. When selecting your electives, you may choose those relevant to your current work or in areas where you have particular interest or intend to focus on in the future. You can find the recommended study plan for the course on the CDU [course catalogue](#).

Unit information is available that include the unit overview, learning outcomes and assessment items on the CDU [unit catalogue](#).

How many units should I take a semester?

All coursework units are worth 10 credit points. The research project units are worth 20 and 40 credit points. Full-time students normally enrol in 8 units/80 credit points per year (4 units/40 credit points per semester). Part-time students may enrol in between 10 and 40 credit points (1 - 4 units) each semester.

It is strongly advised that students who are employed on a full-time basis enrol in a maximum of three units (30cps) each semester.

Each 10cp unit requires approximately 10 hours of study per week.

International students should refer to their visa requirements.

What's on offer each semester?

The unit availability list is available on the Menzies [website](#).

What if I change my mind about my enrolment?

Units may be added to your enrolment until early March in semester 1 or early August in semester 2 each year. To view the specific dates, visit the [CDU website](#).

Units may be deleted/removed from your enrolment up until the census date for each semester. Withdrawal after the census date will incur the full debt and fees are non-refundable.

To learn more about census date, visit [what is census date?](#)

What will be the cost of my tuition?

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Our courses are Commonwealth Government Supported (CGS). This means you may be eligible for a HELP (Higher Education Loan Program) to assist you to pay part or all of the cost of your studies. Your eligibility depends on your citizenship status and other criteria. To find out if you are eligible, or for more information, visit [HELP loans](#).

International Students

International students are charged based on an annual rate. You can view the schedule [here](#).

If I started another degree, but didn't finish it, can I use those subjects for this program?

We are willing to consider previous postgraduate studies for credit. If you believe you have grounds for exemption with credit, a formal application may be made through to [Menzies](#). There are limits to the number of credit points that may be recognised from previous study.

Is public health a registered health profession?

Public health is not a registered health profession as it is non-clinical. For a list of health professions requiring Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) accreditation go to the AHPRA website.

Master of Public Health courses in Australia are internally accredited by the universities that deliver them. The Menzies/CDU Master of Public Health is accredited by Charles Darwin University at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 9. Menzies School of Health Research is also a member of Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and the Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australasia (CAPHIA).

I'm interested! Where can I find out more?

Email the Education team at [Menzies](#).