

# Master of Public Health & Master of Public Health (Nutrition)

UCD School of Public Health  
 & Population Science

## Course Aims

The Master of Public Health provides broad-based education and training in the basic disciplines which underlie the practice of Public Health. The course provides the academic foundation for the practice of Public Health. The perspectives and skills acquired will be of importance both to employers and employees. These skills are now becoming increasingly important as we face the challenges of providing appropriate and equitable Health Services for the 21st Century.

Following successful completion of the course, the student will have acquired the following:

- Knowledge of the factors influencing health status
- Epidemiological skills of study design and analysis
- An understanding of the Public Health function
- The skills to work as an active team member in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating health policy
- Skills to assess the health status of populations
- Critical appraisal and effective problem-solving attributes
- An understanding of the organisation and financing of Health Services and their impact on population health
- The capacity to integrate knowledge from a range of disciplines effectively

## Length of Programme

The full-time course for the Master of Public Health extends over one academic year of study. Alternatively a part time course is offered extending over two academic years. Full-time attendance is required.

## Mapping your Masters

The course is divided into four blocks, each of which may contain core and elective modules. Module details are available at:

<http://www.ucd.ie/phps/postgraduate/mph.html>

Please note that running elective modules is subject to demand, and requires a minimum number of students per module.

## Examinations

Examinations for the Degree of Master of Public Health are held either in course and/or at the end of each semester.

## Dissertation

Each candidate must present a dissertation on a subject allocated by the School of Public Health and Population Science, which shall embody a detailed literature review and a fully elaborated research proposal outline. The dissertation must conform to the School requirements.

## MPH (Nutrition)

This specialised MPH programme will provide the skills to work in nutrition-related health promotion, in the health service, industry, government departments, education and research in public health nutrition. Applicants should hold a primary degree in a nutrition related subject. Students will take all the MPH core modules with additional relevant modules and complete their dissertation on a nutrition related topic. Applicants to this programme should apply to the general MPH programme. Further information is available on the website.

## Admission Requirements

### Academic Requirements

The degree of Master of Public Health may be granted to registered medical and dental practitioners and to those with professional backgrounds in health or health care provision, who hold an appropriate primary degree or equivalent qualification.



Candidates may be required to undertake an interview prior to acceptance for the course. Candidates must complete the approved course of study and pass the prescribed examinations.

*A period of not less than two years must have elapsed from the date of obtaining the primary qualification and admission to the course for the degree of Master of Public Health.*

### English Language Requirements

Candidates whose first language is not English and whose primary degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL. The original certificate of completion of an English language test must be submitted. In all cases the test results must be less than 2 years old. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.** Please visit our website for minimum test scores requirements.

### Career Opportunities

As UCD has a globally acclaimed reputation in the area of Public Health learning, students will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a wide range of careers in the Public Health sector. Many of our former students hold significant posts in public health in various parts of the world.

### Contact:

Further particulars may be obtained from:

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### Application

To apply for this programme, you need to complete an online application process at

[www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

### Location:

The course is held in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4.

