

Health Promotion and Public Health

Full-time and part-time courses at Ulster University

Developing the knowledge and skill set for public health practice

Overview

The PGCert/PGDip/MSc in Health Promotion and Public Health attracts students from a wide range of disciplines and from different nationalities. It prides itself on its inclusive approach. Whether you are contemplating a career within the expanding field of health promotion and public health or want to take your career to the next level, the PGCert/PGDip/MSc in Health Promotion and Public Health will enhance your prospects. On completion of the MSc there will be the potential for you to be able to apply to become a registered public health and/or health promotion practitioner. Extensive links between employers and academic staff attempt to ensure that the course content is relevant to contemporary public health practice.

The option to study full-time or part-time gives you the flexibility to fit your studies around your personal and professional commitments. Modules can be taken as 'stand-alone' modules. Some modules are available to study online from your home or place of work or anywhere with an Internet connection. You will learn in a supportive environment.

Content

- Addresses the emerging needs and global public health challenges to protect and improve the health and well-being of populations
- Using an evidence-based approach, provides students with the knowledge and skills to understand how to assess needs, plan, implement and evaluate public health and health promotion interventions/strategies
- Incorporates public health and knowledge frameworks into learning
- Involves work-related learning placement

Course structure

Full-time PGDip/MSc Health Promotion and Public Health					
Module Title	Credit Level	Credit Points	Module Status	Award	
Year 1					
<i>Semester 1 (September-December)</i>					
Principles, Skills and Information Systems for Health Promotion and Public Health	7	30	C	PGDip (120 credits) All 4 modules are compulsory	
Advanced Methods in Research and Development in Health and Social Care	7	30	C		
<i>Semester 2 (January-May)</i>					
Epidemiology and Policy for Public Health	7	30	C		
Project Planning and Public Health Practice	7	30	C		
<i>Semester 3 (June-September)</i>					
MSc Research Project	7	60	C	MSc (180 credits)	

Information on the modules can be found at:

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/courses/202122/health-promotion-and-public-health-26881>

Part-time PGDip/MSc Health Promotion and Public Health

Module Title	Credit Level	Credit Points	Module Status	Award	
Year 1					
<i>Semester 1 (September-December)</i>					
Principles, Skills and Information Systems for Health Promotion and Public Health	7	30	C		
<i>Semester 2 (January-May)</i>					
Epidemiology and Policy for Public Health	7	30	C	PGDip (120 credits) All 4 modules are compulsory	
Year 2					
<i>Semester 1 (September-December)</i>					
Advanced Methods in Research and Development in Health and Social Care	7	30	C		
<i>Semester 2 (January-May)</i>					
Project Planning and Public Health Practice	7	30	C		
Year 3					
<i>Semesters 1/2/3 (September to September)</i>					
MSc Research Project	7	60	C	MSc (180 credits)	

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You can take individual modules as 'standalone' short courses, or combine them to gain a Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) or Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip). The PGCert requires successful completion of Principles, Skills and Information Systems for Health Promotion and Public Health (30 credits) and one other module (30 credits). The PGDip requires successful completion of 4 compulsory modules i.e. 2 modules in addition to those undertaken for the PGCert. The MSc comprises of one 60 credit Research Project module through independent supervised study. This is in addition to the 4 completed modules for the PGDip.

All modules are assessed by coursework. There are no written exams. All students are allocated a Studies Advisor upon starting the course.

Duration

PGCert

For the full-time course, the optional module you select will determine if the PGCert can be completed in one semester (September to December) or across two semesters (September to May). For the part-time course, the optional module you select will determine if the PGCert can be completed in one or two academic years. Attendance will vary depending on modules studied.

PGDip

Two semesters (September to May) full-time. Two academic years part-time. Attendance will vary depending on modules studied.

MSc

One semester (June to September) full-time. One academic year part-time. There are no compulsory classes for the MSc. You will be allocated an academic supervisor who will support and guide you through your dissertation.

Career options

Health promotion and public health are no longer viewed as the responsibility of only those working in health. This course will prepare you for a public health career in a broad range of policy, practice or academic settings. Students have obtained employment in statutory, voluntary, charity, private and community organisations as well as in government and academic institutions. Specific roles have included:

- Health Promotion Practitioner
- Community Health Development Practitioner
- Scientific Advisor for Dietary Health
- Smoking Cessation Officer
- Home Safety Officer
- Lecturer
- Senior Health Protection Nurse
- Health and Wellbeing Officer
- Health Advisor
- Community Outreach Coordinator

Some students have also progressed to doctoral study.

Entry requirements

Normally, a primary degree in a subject related to health promotion or public health from an institution approved by the University.

Fees and payment options

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees>

How to apply

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply>

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