



Doctor of Public Health

School of Public Health

The degree of **Doctor of Public Health** is one of a number of professional doctorates offered by schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences. It is a research degree for senior practitioners and professionals working in health care, health promotion and public health, and health policy settings. The program requires the equivalent of three years full-time study although many students are admitted as part-time candidates.

Students complete a program comprising approximately one-third coursework and two-thirds thesis. In the first year, students will complete subjects exposing them to advanced qualitative and quantitative approaches to research in health care, will canvas research issues and will reinforce skills in research synthesis. Students will also complete up to 30 credit points of elective subjects. In subsequent years students complete the thesis component. It comprises a thesis not exceeding 75,000 words or a bound volume incorporating published papers and an integrating overview of the research not exceeding 75,000 words.

Areas of study

Please refer to www.latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/research where the following details about the School of Public Health can be obtained:

- Research areas of interest
- Recently completed thesis topics
- Current research projects

Academic staff information can be obtained from www.latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/Staff/academic_index.htm

Admission

The normal requirement for admission as a candidate is a bachelor's degree with at least upper second-class honours or a master's degree by coursework. In each case the degree must include a thesis component of at least 10,000 words, of a high academic standard. The student must also have at least three years of relevant professional experience. In some circumstances a candidate who can supply sufficient evidence

of research capacity may be admitted through a special entry category. Prospective students should contact the School to discuss candidature prior to applying.

The academic contact person for prospective Doctor of Public Health applicants is Dr Greg Murphy, g.murphy@latrobe.edu.au

Costs

Eligible students are normally offered places in the Commonwealth Research Training Scheme which provides fees for the period of candidature. Full-time students may also apply for a Commonwealth or University scholarship (applications close 30 September).

How to apply

Please contact the academic course coordinator to discuss your topic of interest, qualifications, and research ideas. The course coordinator will seek a suitable supervisor who will assist you in your area of research. If your topic is approved, you will formally be requested to make an application.

Applications are made through the University's Research and Graduate Studies Office www.latrobe.edu.au/rgso. Applications are normally submitted from mid-September to mid-November for entry the following year. Combined applications for candidature and scholarship close on 31 October each year (30 September for overseas applicants).

The Doctor of Public Health course can be commenced at the beginning of semester 1 (early March) or Semester 2 (August), by arrangement.

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