



The research portfolio for the degrees of:

- Master Primary Health Care
- Master Travel Medicine
- Master General Practice

Ideally suited to a part time student also working as a primary health care health professional, the research portfolio facilitates a translational research approach. This allows the student to draw together a cohesive collection of work associated with a specific research topic or area of clinical specialisation, and to develop research which is of direct relevance and has outcomes related to their work environment and/or scope of practice.

Portfolio Options

Two portfolio options are available:

- 120 point portfolio - for students who have already completed an approved 30 point research methods paper
- 90 point portfolio - for students who have not yet completed a 30 point research methods paper

The requirements of both portfolios are similar, however the 90 point option will comprise a narrower focus and/or fewer components than the 120 point option, resulting in a shorter word length (30,000 words versus 40,000 words).

Portfolio Content

The student develops, in conjunction with two supervisors, a portfolio plan setting out the various components of the plan of research and associated study. In addition to introductory, methodological, concluding statements and recommendations for clinical practice, the components are likely to include:

1. A background section that introduces the topic and summarises current knowledge and knowledge gaps related to the topic.
2. A relevant integrative (but not systematic) literature review which is evaluative and comprehensive and details the search strategy used.
3. One of the following:
 - Collection and analysis of primary data with appropriate data analysis
 - Secondary analysis of an existing data set
 - Audit of a clinical topic/process
 - Critical discussion of a topic
4. One of the following translational aspects:
 - Development of a policy
 - Development of an educational tool, programme/tool kit
 - Detailed dissemination process for the above
 - Preparation of a paper suitable for submission for a peer review journal
 - Conference presentation