POSTGRADUATE

Otago Health Sciences
Christchurch | Dunedin | Wellington

Postgraduate Studies in
Health Management

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES
(Health Management)
MHealSc HLMT
The Master of Health Sciences (Health Management) offers an advanced qualification in management, which includes a research component of either a supervised thesis or dissertation. It is suitable for students who wish to pursue a higher level career in Health Management and it will provide evidence of in-depth, independent investigation into topics selected by students.

STRUCTURE
Two options available:
Note: Students must include approved Research Method papers to the value of 30 points in both options. Discuss this with the Course Director before enrolling.

Thesis Option
Completion of the PGDipHealMgt (120 points)
Plus
Thesis (120 points)
Students must have included Research Method paper/s to the value of 30 points prior to completing the thesis.

OR

Dissertation Option
Completion of the PGDipHealMgt (120 points)
Plus
Research Method paper/s (30 points)
Plus
Further approved papers to the value of 30 points
Plus
A Dissertation (60 points)

"... The course enabled me to consolidate the hands-on experience I had gained over the years as a manager by providing an excellent theoretical foundation."
SS, Manager, Aged Care Facility

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Qualifications to meet the challenges of health sector management

These qualifications are designed to facilitate the acquisition of skills in business management for health professionals who are or who wish to become, involved in the strategic direction and general management of health-related organisations. They provide managers from other sectors, who may have good business skills but limited experience in the health sector, the opportunity to gain greater knowledge and understanding of the specific issues and challenges in the health system.

**ELIGIBILITY**
Normal entry requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma is an undergraduate degree. Professional qualifications requiring at least three years of tertiary study and health sector experience will also be accepted subject to approval of the Public Health Academic Committee. Those going on to Masters will normally be expected to have completed the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management, or equivalent, and to have achieved grades averaging B or better.

**DURATION**
Candidates for the diploma shall normally follow a programme of study for not less than one year of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study. A Masters candidate shall normally follow a further programme of study for not less than one year of full-time study or the equivalent of part-time study. It would be expected that students satisfy the requirements for each of these degrees within two years of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

"I benefited enormously from the interaction with MBA students… who brought with them a wealth of experience and abundance of enthusiasm…. Overall the course exceeded expectation. It allowed me to both broaden my management skills and my understanding of health issues."

SW, MANAGER, HOSPITAL SERVICES

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**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

PGDipHealMgt

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management is a programme of study that draws equally on public health and business administration.

Those most likely to benefit from the programme are health professionals moving into managerial roles, managers taking up positions in the health sector, and those in existing health management positions seeking both to advance their skills and to enhance their understanding of the sector and their role within it.

The programme is taught by the University of Otago, and depending on the location of study, another university which offer the MBA suite of papers. This approach reflects changes in the New Zealand health sector which now requires both a health and business orientation on the part of managers.

Approved papers from the following schedule to the value of 60 points:

- PUBH713 Society Health & Health Promotion (15points)
- PUBH714 Public Policy & Health Systems (15points)
- PUBH735 The Economics of Health Policy Decision Making (15points)
- PUBH736 Economic Evaluation (15points)
- PUBH742 International Health Systems (15points)
- PUBH744 Healthy Public Policy (15points)

**Plus**

Approved papers from the schedule for the Master of Business Administration equivalent to 60 points:

Recommended subjects include:
- Human Resources Management
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting Control
- Operations Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing Management

Depending on location of study, these papers can be taken from the following MBA programmes:

- Master of Business Administration Programme Victoria University of Wellington
- Master of Business Administration Programme University of Canterbury
- Master of Business Administration Programme University of Otago, Dunedin

**PROGRESSION TO MASTERS**

Students intending to proceed to the degree of Master of Health Sciences endorsed in Health Management should consult the regulations for that programme.