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## About your course

### Course(s) covered

Code	Title
LMWPHM	Master of Public Health (Online)
LMWPHPGD	Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (Online)
LMWPHPGC	Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (Online)

You can find full details of your course, module information and entry requirements in the *Programme Specification*.

### Key facts

#### Start dates:

Master level:

Semester A intake: 21 September 2020

Semester C intake: 24 May 2021

PgDip & PgCert level:

Semester A: 21 September 2020

#### How long it takes:

Full-time Master level: 1 year (Sem. A intake only)

Part-time Master level: 2 years

Full-time PgDip level: 1 year

Part-time PgDip level: 2 years

Part-time PgCert level: 1 year (2 semesters)

#### Award credits:

Master of Public Health – 180 credits

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health – 120 credits

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health – 60 credits

### Academic Year 2020 – 2021

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams.

- Semester A runs from Monday 21 September 2020 to Friday 15 January 2021
- Semester B runs from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 21 May 2021
- Semester C runs from Monday 24 May 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

### Important points

This programme is designed to attract students who wish to develop careers in the field of public health practice, management or research, as well as practitioners and managers already in the field, who wish to enhance their career development. The benefits of delivering the programme online means it offers greater flexibility than classroom taught programmes, it fits around busy work and family commitments and it offers a great opportunity to study and collaborate with students from across the globe, which further enhances knowledge skills and experience.

The programme is tailored towards the needs of diverse health professionals including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, health visitors, midwives, social workers and allied health, social care and environmental health professionals, as well as the wider public health workforce in the non-governmental sector in the following ways:

expertise in areas of research methods and evaluation; policy, planning and commissioning; theory and methods for promoting health and managing illness, is delivered by a highly experienced teaching team, which includes practitioners in the field of public health.

Compulsory modules on the programme provide a comprehensive understanding to critically review and evaluate evidence for interventions and strategies to improve public health outcomes. Students will gain the skills and understanding required to meet the societal, ethical, cultural, economic, political and management challenges to improve health in our populations.

The range of optional modules offered as well as the breadth of real-world cases studies used across the programme, will provide opportunities for specialism in the global and local context in areas including: commissioning and leadership, environmental health and well-being, promoting health, addressing internet addictive behaviour, exercise and nutrition, health systems approaches to improving public health outcomes and addressing health inequalities.

In addition, the programme incorporates the core competencies of public health practice as defined by the Faculty of Public Health (UK) and, the programme learning outcomes are mapped to the expectations of the Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education in the European Region<sup>1</sup> (APHEA). These attributes ensure the programme is fit for purpose and fit for value, creating the potential of enhancing professional development, career advancement and employability.

In addition, the programme has the potential to enhance professional development, career advancement and employability as follows: the programme incorporates the core competencies of specialist public health practice as defined by the UK Faculty of Public Health; the programme learning outcomes are mapped to the expectations of the Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education in the European Region and UK Public Health Register. Further details can be found in the Programme Specification.

### **IT Skills required:**

Basic IT skills are a requirement for anyone wishing to study online. For example, you will need to be confident using an internet browser, communicating via email and using Microsoft Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel) or equivalent. An ability to learn and adapt to new technologies is also important, for example, you will be asked to participate in a virtual classroom session, contribute to a discussion forum and upload assignments to an online portal.

Our driving force as a team is to provide an exciting, challenging and valuable learning experience, underpinned by research, delivered by highly experienced teaching staff and practitioners, which aims to enthuse continued passion in the field of public health to improve the quality of people's lives.

### **Outline Programme Structure**

The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma are available in Semester A entry only. The Postgraduate Diploma can be studied both full time and part-time. The full time Master of Public Health is also Semester A entry only. The part-time entry for the Master of Public Health is Semester A (September) and Semester C (May). The tables below are for guidance only for the Postgraduate Certificate, the Postgraduate Diploma part-time and the Master of Public Health full-time and part-time. They provide the examples of the modules that students will study for a full-time Master of Public Health option (i.e. 60 credits per semester) for two semester entrants, respectively. The expectation for part-time study is up to 30 credits per semester.

**If considering full-time, it is important to have very good organisational skills. Studying full-time will involve completing two (2) modules per semester and each module will involve completing between**

three (3) to four (4) assessments. The timing of these assessments could be very close between the modules.

Please note that the availability of optional modules will depend on uptake. They may not run every year and running semester may vary from year to year.

**Postgraduate Certificate – September intake:**

Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)
Public Health Foundations (C)	Evidence Based Practice <i>or</i> Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions

**Postgraduate Diploma (Full-Time) – September intake:**

Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)
Public Health Foundations (C) <i>and</i> Public Health Research and Epidemiology (C)	Evidence Based Practice (C) <i>and</i> Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions (C)

**Postgraduate Diploma (Part-Time) – September intake:**

	Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)	Semester C (May – Sept)
Year 1	Public Health Foundations (C)	Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions (C)	Study Break
Year 2	Public Health Research and Epidemiology (C)	Evidence Based Practice (C)	

**Master of Public Health (Full-time) – September intake**

Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)	Semester C (May – Sept)
Public Health Foundations (C) <i>and</i> Public Health Research and Epidemiology (C)	Evidence Based Practice (C) <i>and</i> Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions (C)	Optional module <i>and</i> Project Report (C)

**Master of Public Health (Part-time) – September intake**

	Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)	Semester C (May – Sept)
Year 1	Public Health Foundations (C)	Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions (C)	Optional module*
Year 2	Public Health Research and Epidemiology (C)	Evidence Based Practice (C)	Project Report (C)

**Master of Public Health (Part-time) – May intake**

	Semester C (May – Sept)	Semester A (Sept – Jan)	Semester B (Jan – May)
Year 1	Public Health Foundations (C)	Public Health Research and Epidemiology (C)	Communicable and Non-Communicable Conditions (C)
Year 2	Optional module*	Evidence Based Practice (C)	Project Report (C)

\*The list of optional modules and semesters in which they are available to run can be found in the **Programme Specification**

## Course delivery

This course is delivered 100% online via the University's virtual learning environment StudyNet. It can be studied flexibly, which allows you to fit your studies around your work and life commitments. However, there will be specific deadlines to submit or take assessments.

**You will find full details on your assessment schedule in the relevant Module Guide, which will be published at the start of the module.**

Number of study hours will vary depending on your prior knowledge and experience with the subject. The expectation for a 30-credit module is to study 20-25 hours per week over 12 weeks.

## Method of assessment

Modules are assessed by combination of coursework and online tests. The dates of assignment submission and online tests are fixed. The online tests are available for a fixed period of time, usually up to 24-hours, to ensure all students can find a convenient opportunity to complete them within that period.

If you cannot meet the assignment deadlines or test dates, you must inform the Module Leader in advance of the deadlines to get appropriate advice.

## Additional expenses

**You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the Fees and Finance Policy.**

Courses materials (i.e. e-books, software or support materials) are usually included in your tuition fees, unless specified otherwise.

## System requirements:

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

Description	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost (UK prices 2016)
Desktop or laptop computer	Mandatory	Starts at £250
Display (screen resolution 1024x768 <b>minimum</b> )	Mandatory	Starts at £50
Headset with microphone (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	Starts at £15
Webcam (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	£10-£50
Broadband Internet Connection (2mbps <b>minimum</b> )	Mandatory	Starts at £10/month
<p>Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies</p> <p>The package will give you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs.</li> <li>• Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones.</li> <li>• Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.</li> <li>• File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.</li> </ul>	Mandatory	Provided by the University at no cost to students / FREE

Full system requirements details can be found on the UH Online website:

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/online-distance-learning/how-online-study-works/system-requirements-for-study>

### **Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony:**

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies>.