

# Bachelor of Public Health



UNIVERSITY  
OF WOLLONGONG  
AUSTRALIA



**Public Health is the art and science of promoting healthy people, places and policies. Public Health strives to improve the health and quality of life of a population, by working to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote health. Studies in Public Health empower students to make significant contributions to society.**

Students will explore health issues from multiple perspectives – social, environmental, physical, cultural and political - and will develop a range of professional skills to empower them to be agents of change in a variety of work environment. This degree will provide you with an understanding of the key issues affecting the health of populations. You will develop a range of professional skills: obtain, review and analyse information; persuasively communicate health information and challenges using a variety of media; plan and manage a health program or project; undertake health research; work with and strengthen communities; and advocate to improve the health of populations. High achieving students can undertake an Honours year at the conclusion of the degree to further develop and apply their research and practice skills. Professional Recognition Graduates can apply to be a full member of the Public Health Association of Australia.



ATAR	73
DURATION	3 years full-time or part-time equivalent
DELIVERY	Wollongong

## WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

Our staff are active practitioners and leading researchers in their areas of specialisation and are dedicated to enriching students learning through their professional experiences. Our academics will supervise and encourage you to build your own Public Health career in whatever avenue you choose. At UOW you will have the opportunity to develop your practical public health skills and professional networks, making you a career-ready UOW graduate.

This program includes professional experience and opportunities to incorporate practical workplace-based training into your degree. It also includes other workplace-based modules which will develop students' business knowledge and professional skills and international study experiences to give them a competitive edge upon graduation.



## Majors

The Bachelor of Public Health at uow has three majors. Students can choose to specialise in one of the following:

### HEALTH PROMOTION

The Health Promotion major has a focus on developing students' skills to promote and protect people's health through individual, community and population initiatives. This major applies social determinants of a health framework and is based on the principles of promoting social justice and reducing health inequity; promoting inclusiveness; and establishing sustainable physical, social and economic environments that are supportive of all people.

Following successful completion of the health promotion major, students will be qualified to take advantage of the career opportunities in local, national and international health organisations; multinational corporations; community organisations; statutory authorities; and a variety of government departments.

### FOOD AND SOCIETY

The aim of the Food and Society major is to empower students to innovate and develop approaches to positively impact on community and population health outcomes through food-focussed initiatives. Graduates will be equipped to work with communities, organisations and governments to advocate for and create healthy and sustainable food environments, identify, analyse and develop strategies to address key issues within the food system, undertake food education and communication, and use their knowledge to create large scale food changes in the population.

### SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

This major aims to equip students with the skills to understand patterns, causes, and control of disease in human populations and address the societal risk factors that affect health and well-being of populations. Students will translate data into evidence to inform policy decisions and evidence-based practice and will graduate with the knowledge and skills to navigate health, social and welfare datasets.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Epidemiologist
- Population health analyst
- Public health research officer
- General data analyst
- Health promotion officer
- Community planner
- Community advocate and advisor
- Food and nutrition promotion officer
- Food strategy officer
- Food education officer
- Food policy officer

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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