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Public Health Capstone
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Department of Health Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MPH and (HSYP801 or HSYP8100) and (HSYP802 or HSYP8101)

Corequisites
(HSYP803 or HSYP8102) and (HSYP804 or HSYP8103) and (HSYP805 or HSYP8104) and
(HSYP806 or HSYP8105)

Co-badged status

Unit description
This capstone unit in the Master of Public Health integrates your learning from across the
course. You will further develop skills to synthesize public health research and reflect on
practice, both of which are essential to the practice of Public Health. You will draw together
reflections on your entire studies to make meaning of your learning. As part of this process
you will consider your skills development, understanding of content and context, and consider
your ongoing engagement in Public Health practice.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are
available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

UL01: Interpret and explain key research findings in public health
UL03: Use oral and written skills to communicate complex evaluations of evidence in
public health
UL05: Reflect, using an academic framework, on learning and outcomes in public health
and development of self as a public health practitioner

General Assessment Information
Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie Univ
All final grades are determined by a grading committee, in accordance with the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded a final grade and a mark which must correspond to the grade descriptors specified in the Assessment Procedure (clause 128).

To pass this unit, you must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, meet any ungraded requirements, and achieve a final mark of 50 or better.

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

Late Submissions

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MARK) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of ‘0’ will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

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Late submission of time sensitive tasks, such as timetabled tests/exams, scheduled performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs, will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.

Assessment Tasks

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<td>Public health journal club</td>
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<td>Reflective portfolio</td>
<td>50%</td>
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Public health journal club

Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: **Weeks 3-9 (via zoom)**
Weighting: **30%**

Summarise and evaluate a published public health manuscript for a journal club style presentation, including the relevance of the research and findings to public health and implications for public health practice.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret and explain key research findings in public health
- Use oral and written skills to communicate complex evaluations of evidence in public health
- Reflect, using an academic framework, on learning and outcomes in public health and development of self as a public health practitioner

Reflective portfolio

Assessment Type 1: Portfolio
Indicative Time on Task 2: 60 hours
Due: **Week 10**
Weighting: **50%**

Collate your reflections on all units studied in the MPH course in a portfolio. Write an academic reflection that draws on progress through the course and achievement of course learning outcomes.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret and explain key research findings in public health
- Use oral and written skills to communicate complex evaluations of evidence in public health
- Reflect, using an academic framework, on learning and outcomes in public health and development of self as a public health practitioner

Public health profession

Assessment Type 1: Design Task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: **Week 14**  
Weighting: **20%**

In reference to a provided public health job advertisement write a response to selection criteria and a CV. Create a LinkedIn profile.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Use oral and written skills to communicate complex evaluations of evidence in public health
- Reflect, using an academic framework, on learning and outcomes in public health and development of self as a public health practitioner

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au) for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

Please NOTE: This unit will be offered online only via zoom.

As a student enrolled in this unit, you will engage in a range of online learning activities (including readings, lectures, discussions and presentations) and details can be found on the iLearn site for this unit.

**Technology Used**

Active participation in the learning activities throughout the unit will require students to have access to a tablet, laptop or similar device. Students who do not own their own laptop computer may borrow one from the university library.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au)
- [Academic Progression Policy](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au)
- [Assessment Policy](https://policie.s.mq.edu.au)
Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**The Writing Centre**

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the Academic Integrity Module
The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- **Subject and Research Guides**
- **Ask a Librarian**

### Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of **Student Support Services** including:

- **IT Support**
- **Accessibility and disability support** with study
- **Mental health support**
- **Safety support** to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- **Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues**

### Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

### IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

### INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers' responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone.

### PROFESSIONALISM

In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses.

As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive
sessions including clinical, practical, laboratory, work-integrated learning (e.g., PACE placements), and team-based learning activities. Some learning activities are recorded (e.g., face-to-face lectures), however you are encouraged to avoid relying upon such material as they do not recreate the whole learning experience and technical issues can and do occur. As an adult learner, we respect your decision to choose how you engage with your learning, but we would remind you that the learning opportunities we create for you have been done so to enable your success, and that by not engaging you may impact your ability to successfully complete this unit. We equally expect that you show respect for the academic staff who have worked hard to develop meaningful activities and prioritise your learning by communicating with them in advance if you are unable to attend a small group interactive session.

Another dimension of professionalism is having respect for your peers. It is the right of every student to learn in an environment that is free of disruption and distraction. Please arrive to all learning activities on time, and if you are unavoidably detained, please join activity as quietly as possible to minimise disruption. Phones and other electronic devices that produce noise and other distractions must be turned off prior to entering class. Where your own device (e.g., laptop) is being used for class-related activities, you are asked to close down all other applications to avoid distraction to you and others. Please treat your fellow students with the utmost respect. If you are uncomfortable participating in any specific activity, please let the relevant academic know.