



MPH

Master of Public Health (Global Health Pathway)

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **29 August 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

About this course

Our new Global Public Health pathway offers a critical, in-depth overview of public health challenges that transcend national and species boundaries through a critical analysis of their epidemiological, socio-economic, cultural, and political determinants. Students are provided with the conceptual and applied skills to critically analyse and evaluate the interconnected and dynamic nature of global public health issues.

Introduction

Public health is about tackling the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. On this programme we'll equip you with the expertise required to put public health principles into practice at a global level. The Global Health pathway will particularly appeal to students who wish to develop public health or related careers in global settings such as working for the World Health Organisation, global health NGOs (for example CARE, Save the Children, World Vision, Medecins Sans Frontieres), or national level health and public health bodies.

Established in 1989, the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is internationally respected for its multidisciplinary focus and commitment to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Health for All principles.

Critically appraising the complexities of health and social care systems, you'll explore contemporary and historical influences on public health systems. The unique feature

of this MPH pathway is how it reframes Global Health not simply beyond national boundaries but also within a framework to understand how multispecies interactions and post-human environmental phenomena shape and impact population health across the globe.

Tackling the health challenges we face requires an understanding of public health that accounts for global dynamics and the interconnectedness of multi-species, technological, and environmental factors that shape global health. We'll introduce you to key health protection principles, trace the development and evolution of health improvement strategies, and examine the social factors driving health inequalities.

Gaining experience using advanced statistical data and epidemiological techniques, you'll discover qualitative research methodologies and receive a grounding in management theories and practice.

On completion of the programme, you would be ready to take on leadership roles in public health research, practice and policy across a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations.

The core modules of the MPH are mapped against the approved public health specialist training programme for Health Education North West (HENW). As such, completing these core modules will help you prepare an application for entry to the UK Faculty of Public Health speciality training to become a UK Consultant in Public Health.

Who is this course for?

The course attracts students from a wide variety of backgrounds. These include medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, health services, health service management and environmental health, as well as natural sciences, social sciences and humanities subjects.

It's a suitable programme if you're working in any area of public health, health services management, policy and planning, housing or transport, or for governmental organisations, community groups and non-governmental organisations.

Plus, if it suits you better, you can study some of the course modules as standalone CPD (Continuing Professional Development) modules. For more information contact: mph@liverpool.ac.uk

What you'll learn

- Key statistical concepts and epidemiological techniques in global healthcare
- The application of social science theories and sociological concepts to public health
- How to devise a public health improvement strategy
- Current and historical influences on the development of public health systems
- Key management theories and concepts underpinning health services
- How to use qualitative research to explore current issues in healthcare
- Social determinants of health inequalities
- Principles of health protection from infectious diseases, hazards, and emerging threats
- How to assess the evidence behind healthcare interventions
- Appraising global and more-than-human dynamics in shaping Global Public Health

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|--|---------|
| <u>GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBH001)</u> | 15 |
| <u>EPIDEMIOLOGY AND STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH I (PUBH110)</u> | 15 |
| <u>HEALTH IMPROVEMENT (PUBH130)</u> | 15 |
| <u>AN INTRODUCTION TO QUALITATIVE RESEARCH (PUBH160)</u> | 15 |

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|--|---------|
| <u>PLANETARY HEALTH (PUBH002)</u> | 15 |
| <u>HEALTH INEQUALITIES: EVIDENCE AND POLICY. (PUBH407)</u> | 15 |
| <u>HEALTH & SOCIETY (PUBH150)</u> | 15 |

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>HEALTH PROTECTION (PUBH220)</u> | 15 |

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Final project

Please note, that students studying the Global pathway must complete their dissertation in the field of Global Public Health.

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>DISSERTATION (PUBH300)</u> | 60 |

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

The programme is taught using a combination of lectures, tutorials, group exercises, and self-directed study. The focus is on small group sizes and collaborative work, with an open learning approach where the emphasis is on interaction.

You'll typically attend for two days per week for full-time study for the first two semesters. Semester three is dedicated to your dissertation.

How you're assessed

You'll be assessed through a combination of individual written assignments, written examinations, group presentations and group reports. You will also complete a dissertation.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

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Core modules of the MPH are mapped against the approved training programmes for Health Education North West (HENW). They're responsible for the commissioning and management of training and education for: NHS speciality registrars in public health, working towards a Certificate of Completion of Training and students who wish to go on to complete Membership of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (MFPHM) Part A.

The programme provides a strong foundation for putting public health principles into practice in a variety of settings, including research, practice and policy.

As an MPH graduate, you can apply for senior positions in public health research, practice and policy. Suitable roles are varied, from working on community health improvement programmes to contributing to the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

You'll be well-placed to take on a management or leadership role working in:

- Governmental organisations.
- Health services management.
- Policy and planning.
- Housing.
- Transport.
- Community Groups.
- Charities.
- Non-governmental organisations.

On successful completion of the MPH, you could also choose to pursue further study at doctoral level.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £11,700

Part-time place, per year - £5,850

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £28,300

Part-time place, per year - £14,150

Fees stated are for the 2025-26 academic year.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

The Master of Public Health (MPH) programme is available to any applicant with a UK Honours degree with a minimum 2:2 or an equivalent international qualification.

We also encourage applications from students enrolled in clinical programs who wish to intercalate as part of their studies. These applicants must demonstrate successful completion of 3 years of a GMC/GDC recognised undergraduate basic medical education (medicine or dentistry) degree programme (e.g. MBChB).

Candidates who do not meet the formal academic requirements but possess substantial relevant professional experience will be considered on an individual basis by the Programme Director.

All applicants should be also able to demonstrate evidence of work experience (paid, voluntary, internships, etc.) relevant to public health.

All applicants will also need to provide a personal statement detailing why they wish to undertake the programme and how their work experience is relevant to the programme.

For international applicants, a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 is required, with no individual component scoring below 6.5, or an equivalent recognized qualification.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5

TOEFL iBT

Minimum 100 overall with L 21 R 21 W 21 and S 23

Cambridge Proficiency

185-199

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to

determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

| Your most recent IELTS score | Pre-sessional English course length | On campus or online |
|--|--|--|
| 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.5 | 6 weeks | On campus |
| 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0 | 10 weeks | On campus and online options available |
| 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5 | 12 weeks | On campus and online options available |
| 6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5 | 20 weeks | On campus |
| 5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0 | 30 weeks | On campus |
| 5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5 | 40 weeks | On campus |

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, for further details.

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