

# Master of Public Health



Learn and conduct public health research and **make a meaningful impact** on global populations

# Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards completing a degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to make your mark in the world.

## Reasons to choose Federation University

<b>TOP 200</b>	Young Universities in the World <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOP 300</b>	Universities worldwide for Sustainable Development Goals <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOP 400</b>	Universities worldwide for Clinical, Pre-clinical and Health <sup>3</sup>
<b>#1</b>	University in Victoria for Teaching Quality for Health Services and Support <sup>4</sup>
<b>5/5 RATING</b>	<b>Excellence in Research<sup>5</sup></b> Federation was rated <b>at or above world standard</b> in 80% of our submitted Fields of Research
	<b>Affordable tuition</b> fees and <b>great scholarships</b> available
	<b>High quality</b> , personalised teaching and dedicated <b>international student support</b>
	<b>Industry integrated learning</b> with opportunities for <b>real life projects</b> with industry leaders

1 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2023

2 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Impact Rankings 2023

3 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2023

4 The Good Universities Guide 2024

5 Excellence in Research Australia, 2018 National Report



# Welcome to the Institute of Health and Wellbeing

If you're passionate about improving the lives of others, communities and the world in which we live, Federation University's Institute of Health and Wellbeing will support you to make a difference.

The Institute offers courses across a wide range of health disciplines that are taught, delivered and collaborated on in partnership with the Australian health sector, ensuring you complete an industry-relevant degree.

That's why many of our courses include clinical placements and workplace learning, putting your new knowledge and skills into practice before you graduate. Our staff also conduct meaningful research, contributing to evidence-based practices, in local, national and international settings.

## Meet your Program Coordinator and Discipline Leader of Public Health

Professor Dr. Muhammad Aziz Rahman (MBBS, MPH, CertGTC, GCHECTL, PhD) is a globally recognised public health professional with more than 15 years experience delivering outstanding public health teaching and research in Australia and internationally. His research has involved collaborations with more than 25 nations including a number of countries across Asia and the Middle East, as well as Canada, UK and USA.

Professor Rahman's research centres on non-communicable diseases, the global burden of diseases, Indigenous health, mental health, health and wellbeing of migrants in Australia, with particular interest in tobacco control. He is a Board member for the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and the Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australasia (CAPHIA).

Ranked in the World's Top 2% of Scientists specialising in General & Internal Medicine for the subsequent four years (2020-23) due to his extraordinary record of research citations, Professor Rahman is always keen to support the next generation of public health professionals and continues to provide research supervision to a number of Honours, Masters and PhD students.

He leads a well-versed team of professionals who are passionate about imparting their public health knowledge and teachings on future Master of Public Health students at Federation University. Besides being the Discipline Leader of Public Health and Course Coordinator for Master of Public Health, Professor Rahman is also working as the Research Adviser for the Institute of Health and Wellbeing.



# What to expect

Our Master of Public Health students will:

- gain an in-depth understanding of public health and strategies to make **meaningful contributions** to disease prevention and health promotion efforts in local, national and international contexts
- learn the basics of conducting public health research in the first year of the course and apply the learning to **conduct a research project** under the guidance of an expert supervisor in the second year of the course
- balance study, work and family life thanks to a **flexible timetable**, incorporating block-teaching mode with in-person workshops and online modules
- learn from **world-leading public health professionals** who know you by name, in a small classroom, with access to research supervision experiences (based on your choice of specialisations)
- graduate equipped with **skills** for contributing to research, teaching, programs or policies relevant to public health discipline at local, national or international levels
- be able to **pursue a career** working in universities and research centres, development agencies, government and non-government organisations
- be able to **pursue further studies**, completing a PhD.

## What's in the detail?

### CRICOS

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### INTAKES

Semester 1 (February)  
Semester 2 (July)

### CAMPUSES

Berwick (Melbourne), Semester 1  
Mt Helen (Ballarat), Semester 2  
Online, Semester 1 and 2

### DURATION

2 years full time  
(240 credit points)

### FEES (ANNUAL)

\$24,150

**New international students may be eligible for a tuition fee scholarship.**

[federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships](https://www.federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships) ↗

## Rakitha, Sri Lanka

Master of Public Health student

“The professors and the teachers are really accessible, supportive and friendly. During the classes they are very approachable, answer our questions and respond to our emails. That support clearly helps us understand the course material and how to do the assessments.

The class sizes are optimal, 20 to 25 students. We have more opportunities to ask questions and engage with other students to develop our knowledge.

Cultural diversity is a really important concept in public health as a social determinant impacting health outcomes. Students in my class are from many different backgrounds so we are lucky to get to polish our knowledge regarding cultural sensitivity, diversity and safety.

Looking back on the first semester of this course, it was really comprehensive. I learned about a lot of public health concepts and found it challenging but interesting to learn about Australia's healthcare system, particularly indigenous health. I think it's really important to understand these concepts well if you want to pursue a career in Australia's public health sector. ”



# Sample course plan

Our Master of Public Health is designed for professionals from multidisciplinary backgrounds who have a vested interest in contributing to public health research, policy, reforms and preventive strategies.

During your first year of study, you will develop a conceptual understanding of public health and research approaches. Students will then select from five specialisations, four focusing on a research topic and one conducting a public health project, to pursue your unique area of interest in public health.

## Research

Focus on a research topic with public health significance and develop in-depth knowledge on research methodology and relevant practical skills for conducting small-scale research. Receive mentorship from an experienced supervisor, preparing you to complete you for research publication and pursue your PhD.

## Public Health Economics

Advance your skills in the analysis of healthcare costs, resource utilisation and health economics. Develop in-depth knowledge of theoretical concepts and skills for conducting small-scale research focusing on public health economics under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.

## Public Health Informatics

Learn more about the application of data and technology for public health practice and research. Develop in-depth knowledge of theoretical concepts and relevant practical skills for conducting small-scale research focusing on public health Informatics under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.

## Health System Management

Explore different perspectives in a variety of healthcare settings including contemporary professionals, ethical, social justice, political, consumer and leadership considerations. Utilise this knowledge for public health practice and research, undertaking small-scale research on health system management.

## Project

Understand how to design and implement a public health project. Focus on theoretical concepts and practical skills for designing and implementing a public health project of your choice under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.

## Year one

COMMON FIRST YEAR		
SEMESTER 1	Introduction to public health (15 credit points)	Health promotion (15 credit points)
	Epidemiology (15 credit points)	Public health ethics (15 credit points)
SEMESTER 2	Inquiry and analysis of literature (30 credit points)	Indigenous health (15 credit points)
	Biostatistics (15 credit points)	

## Year two – Study options by specialisation

RESEARCH		
S1	Research methods for health (30 credit points)	
	Research thesis A (30 credit points)	
S2	Elective/s (30 credit points)*	
	Research thesis B (30 credit points)	

PUBLIC HEALTH ECONOMICS		
S1	Public health economics (30 credit points)	
	Research thesis A (30 credit points)	
S2	Elective/s (30 credit points)*	
	Research thesis B (30 credit points)	

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS		
S1	Public health informatics (30 credit points)	
	Research thesis A (30 credit points)	
S2	Elective/s (30 credit points)*	
	Research thesis B (30 credit points)	

HEALTH SYSTEM MANAGEMENT		
S1	Contemporary issues in health service management (15 credit points)	
	Leadership in health service management (15 credit points)	
	Research thesis A (30 credit points)	
S2	Elective/s (30 credit points)*	
	Research thesis B (30 credit points)	

PROJECT		
S1	Project management (15 credit points)	
	Elective (15 credit points)^	
	Elective/s (30 credit points)*	
S2	Public health ethics (15 credit points)	
	Applied project for health practice (45 credit points)	

^Full-time international students are required to complete 60 credit points per semester and may choose from available electives\* to fulfill this requirement.

\*Students may undertake two electives of 15 credit points or a single elective of 30 credit points.

Course details, fees and sample structures are subject to variation. For the most up to date information, visit our Course Finder website, [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

# Entry and application information

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course students must have **successfully completed**:

- A recognised 3-year Australian **bachelor degree** (or overseas equivalent) or other university qualification combined with appropriate industry experience; and
- **Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5**, with no bands less than 6.0 (or equivalent)

For more information on satisfying English language requirements, including accepted test programs, please visit [federation.edu.au/english-language-requirements](https://www.federation.edu.au/english-language-requirements) ↗

Once you have submitted your application, you will be assessed against the course requirements and for available pathways and scholarships.



## Pathways designed specifically for you

If you have not met the English entry requirements for this course, don't worry. With a range of pathways now available, you can be studying at Federation University sooner than you think.

### English Language courses

(CRICOS Code 113565A)

Students who do not meet the English language requirements for this course may be eligible to complete our General English or English for Academic Preparation (EAP) courses. These courses have been newly designed to equip you with the English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills needed to be successful in your university studies. Depending on your English level, Admissions will package the appropriate pathway option together with your chosen degree.

2024 course information will become available soon.

**Find out more** ↗

Visit [study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways](https://study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways)

### Alternate direct entry and exit points

Students who have successfully completed a fourth year of university study may be eligible to apply for entry into the course with up to 120 credit points (equivalent to 1 year of full-time study).

Students wishing to exit the Master of Public Health early, may achieve the following qualifications:

- **Graduate Certificate in Public Health** – awarded to students who exit the course at **6 months**, having completed 60 credit points
- **Graduate Diploma of Public Health** – awarded to students who exit the course at **12 months**, having completed 120 credit points

# Scholarships

## Studying in Australia just became more affordable

At Federation University Australia, we're driven to make a real difference to the lives of every student who studies with us.

Our scholarships help ease the financial stress of commencing study at a university, especially for international students who are moving to Australia. From accommodation support to tuition fee discounts and research grants, we offer a range of scholarships to help you start studying sooner.

Visit our website to learn more about available scholarships, terms and conditions, eligibility criteria, and how to apply.

**Find out more** ↗

[federation.edu.au/scholarships](https://federation.edu.au/scholarships)

# Feel supported to succeed

We understand that choosing to study abroad is both an exciting and challenging time. Help at Federation University is readily available – be it support with your English, understanding your assignments, or finding someone to talk to about personal life concerns. No matter the challenge, our range of student-focused services enables international students to develop skills, knowledge and confidence in a supportive environment that is united in your ambition to succeed.

Some of our support services include:



English Language Support Service



Libraries and Learning Skills Advisory



Counselling



International Student Employability



International Student Advisory



Spiritual facilities



Support for students with disabilities



Sports and clubs



# Your next steps

Whether you're applying directly or via an agent, just follow these simple steps



## Step 1

### FIND YOUR COURSE

Find the Federation University course you wish to study

- For undergraduate and postgraduate courses visit [study.federation.edu.au](https://study.federation.edu.au)
- Check you meet the academic entry requirements
- Check you meet the English language requirements
- Check for any essential requirements that you need to complete in addition to your application.

Essential requirements may include auditions, tests or interviews.

## Step 2

### APPLY

- International students or their agents must apply through the **StudyLink** online application system  
Visit [federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply](https://federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply)
- Follow the instructions and ensure you have attached all relevant supporting documents.
- Details of documentation required is available at [federation.edu.au/international/prepare](https://federation.edu.au/international/prepare)

Note: Be aware of cut off dates.

## Step 3

### ASSESSMENT

Your application will be assessed by our team

- English language requirements
- Academic entry requirements
- Scholarships



## Step 4

### OFFER MADE

#### Congratulations!

You will be sent an International Student Offer and Acceptance Pack that includes:

- Letter of Offer
- Information for accepting your offer
- GTE and/or financial assessment forms\*

Refer [federation.edu.au/SSVF](https://federation.edu.au/SSVF) for more information.

\*International students may be required to complete a pre-visa screening process as a condition of their offer under the requirements of the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF). The requirements will depend on a number of factors.

## Step 5

### ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT

Once you have provided all documentation and met all conditions, sign the acceptance of your offer letter and pay the required fees.

We will then issue you with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Note: Payments to Federation must be made via Convera GlobalPay through your StudyLink application.



## Step 6

### VISA APPLICATION WITH COE

You will need your CoE to apply for your Australian student visa.

More information on the visa application process is available at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au)

Note: Make sure you plan in advance to get your visa in time.



## Step 7

### PREPARE TO ARRIVE

We will send you an International Student Support Guide to help you understand what to expect.

### FLIGHTS

Make sure you arrive in time to attend the compulsory International Student Orientation Program that is held in the weeks before semester commences.

### ACCOMMODATION

Check out the offers from FedLiving – on-campus accommodation in Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland.



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