



Master of Public Health

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Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards your postgraduate degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to further your career and make your mark in the world, feeling supported all the way.

Starting postgraduate studies is a big commitment, but luckily for those attending Federation we're among the top universities in Victoria for skills development (Good Universities Guide 2023) and that's because we have over 150 years history of partnering with community and industry to ensure we're educating and training graduates for the jobs and skills needed for the future of work in booming regional areas.

We're one of Australia's oldest universities with a long and strong history, and we draw on this experience to take us into the future. We're a smaller university, but this means we can be more agile, innovative and progressive in our response to regional and industry needs.

We are also at the forefront for postgraduate research, and are currently rated at or above the world standard in 80% of the Fields of Research research rankings by Excellence for Research Australia (ERA)

We have campuses in Ballarat, Berwick (Melbourne), Churchill (Gippsland), Wimmera (Horsham) and Brisbane. Each of our campuses are set in beautiful surroundings with stunning scenery and plenty of quiet nooks and crannies to absorb yourself in your studies.

Whether you're looking to advance within your current career, you're returning to study, or changing your career path completely, Federation University will give you the tools you need to continue your education journey, and to stay relevant in your chosen industry.



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Why study Public Health at Federation University Australia

Our **Master of Public Health** will see you gain a strong theoretical understanding of public health while pursuing your individual interest area through one of five specialisations:

- **Research** - focus on a research topic of your interest and of public health importance, develop in-depth knowledge on research methods and relevant practical skills for conducting a small-scale research under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.
- **Project** - develop in-depth knowledge on the design and implementation of public health projects. 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.
- **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 a small-scale research focusing on public health Informatics under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.
- **Public Health Economics** - advance your skills in the analyses of healthcare costs, cost effectiveness/ resource utilisation and health economics for public health practice and research. Develop in-depth knowledge of theoretical concepts and relevant practical skills for conducting a small-scale research focusing on public health economics under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.
- **Health System Management** - explore human experiences in healthcare settings including contemporary professional, ethical, social justice, political, consumer considerations and leadership roles, and utilise these for public health practice and research. Develop in-depth knowledge of theoretical concepts and relevant practical skills for conducting a small-scale research focusing on health system management under the mentorship of an experienced supervisor.

Graduates are equipped with the specialist skills required to work in the public and private sectors, development agencies and universities.

Graduates may also pursue further study and complete a PhD.



Our online and face-to-face delivery modes offer flexibility that suits your lifestyle, allowing you to get ahead in your professional and personal life, while keeping up to date with contemporary developments.

Our enthusiastic and highly skilled academics have held senior leadership roles in both academia and research industry, and are committed to assisting and supporting students to become future public health leaders.

We are among the top 10 universities in Australia for our small class sizes, which means more one-on-one interactions with your lecturer, more learning opportunities, and more help with your assignments and coursework.

As Victoria's premier regional university, our graduates are uniquely positioned as a first choice for the many leading regional employers we partner with. We work hard to maintain our industry connections to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students so that they graduate with the skills they need in the workplace.



We're investing in your future

Scholarship information

At Federation, we offer a wide variety of scholarships and grants which give you the opportunity to succeed in your studies without the stress of financial pressure.

We strongly urge all new students to explore our range of scholarship options – with grants starting from \$500 all the way up to over \$45K (industry supported) - chances are that there will be an opportunity for you.

We also offer a range of Higher Degree by Research scholarship options to current and prospective Masters by Research or PhD candidates.

[Find out more →](#)

Am I eligible?

Entry requirements

Applicants for graduate studies come from a wide variety of academic and career backgrounds. While standard requirements must be met, each individual will be assessed on their merit and prior experience.

Applicants with higher education study*

This course uses the applicants' entire academic record as part of its selection considerations.

Compulsory

- Successful completion of a recognised 3-year Australian bachelor's degree or overseas equivalent; or other university qualification and appropriate industry experience.

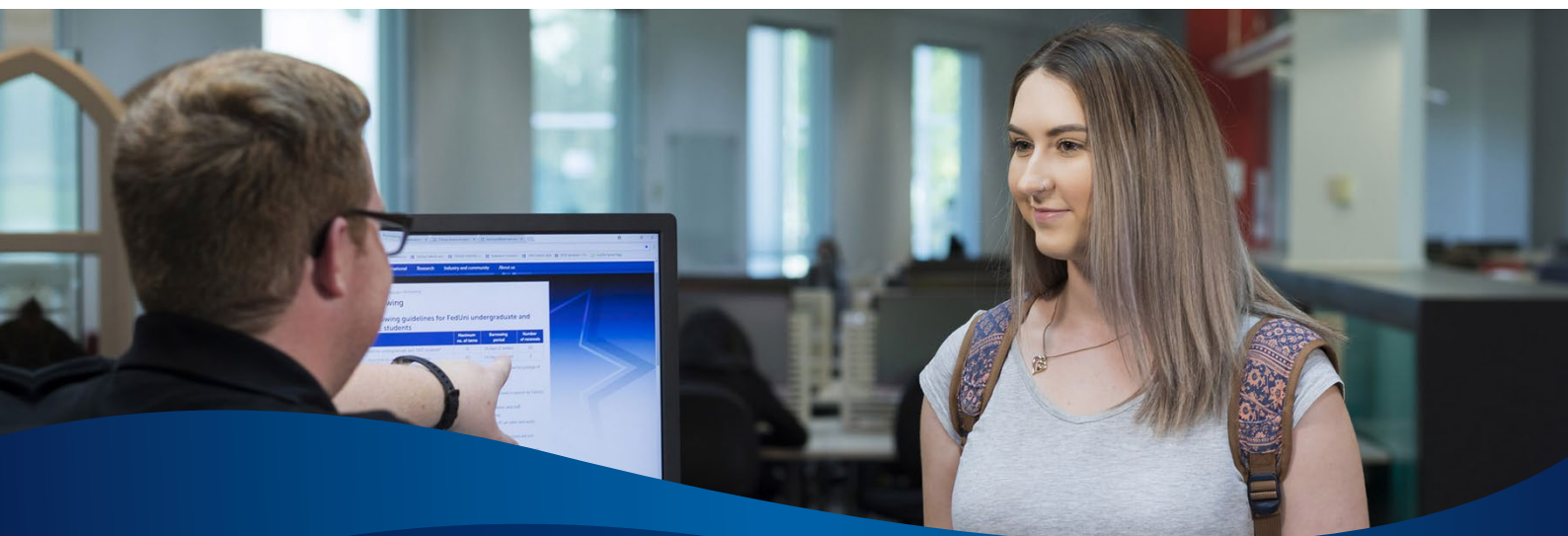
* May be eligible for credit for prior study (RPL - Recognition of Prior Learning) upon enrolment.

Essential extra requirements

All applicants - If VCE Maths and/or English requirements or equivalent have not been met by an applicant, a **Literacy and/or Numeracy assessment** is required to demonstrate the pre-requisite requirements. Applicants required to complete the assessment will be notified.

Higher Education Pathway

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





What's in the detail?

Program information

Fees

As a domestic student you could be eligible for a [Commonwealth supported place \(CSP\)](#) where the Australian Government subsidises your fees and you pay the student contribution amount (SCA). CSP's for eligible students are available in most postgraduate programs.

As a full time student your contribution amount will be \$8,301 p.a. for students commencing in 2023 (indicative and subject to change).

As a Commonwealth Supported Place student, you may be eligible to defer payment of your student contribution through the HECS-HELP loan scheme. Please visit our [HECS-HELP](#) webpage for further information.

The total cost will vary depending on the subjects you choose, your study load, and the time it takes to complete your course.

You may need to pay some other fees such as the [Student Services and Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#).

Please visit [federation.edu.au/fees](https://www.federation.edu.au/fees) to obtain further information about Indicative Program Fees.

How to apply

To apply as a domestic student, please visit:

study.federation.edu.au/how-to-apply/Postgraduate →

To apply as an international student, please visit:

[federation.edu.au/international](https://www.federation.edu.au/international) →

Note - application method varies depending on your circumstances, please visit our [How to apply](#) page for further information.

Location

Mt Helen (Ballarat)
Berwick
Gippsland (Churchill)
Online

Study duration

2 years (full time); or part time equivalent

Intakes

Semester 1 (March)
Semester 2 (July) Mt Helen, Berwick, Online

Study load

Up to 16 hours per week*
(3 to 4 hours per course).

**Excludes any placement hours*

What's in the detail?

Study streams & structure

You may exit the program at 12 months and receive a [Graduate Diploma](#) of Public Health, following the completion of 120 credit points, or exit the program at 6 months and receive a [Graduate Certificate](#) in Public Health, following the completion of 60 credit points.

SAMPLE STRUCTURE - MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH			
YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEALTH PROMOTION PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INQUIRY AND ANALYSIS OF LITERATURE BIOSTATISTICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INDIGENOUS HEALTH
YEAR 2 - RESEARCH	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methods for Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis A
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective/s (30 Credit points)
YEAR 2 - PROJECT	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective/s (45 Credit points)
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Project for Health Practices
YEAR 2 - PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Informatics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis A
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective/s (30 Credit points)
YEAR 2 - PUBLIC HEALTH ECONOMICS	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis A
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective/s (30 Credit points)
YEAR 2 - HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contemporary Issues in Health Service Management Research Thesis A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership in Health Service Management
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Thesis B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective/s (30 Credit points)

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[Current version available here.](#)



We're a Co-operative University - what does that mean?

The Federation University Co-operative Model – real workplaces, real projects, and real career opportunities.

Federation University aspires to be Australia's first co-operative university. We have made a commitment to embed co-operative learning across every program and course by 2025, in TAFE, higher education and research.

Co-operative learning, or 'co-op' is a well-established international model that prepares students to further their careers by linking them to workplaces as a core part of their degree through co-operative relationships with industry.

Co-op is different to traditional work placements. A co-op program incorporates employer and industry engagement from start to finish. It means that the program is co-designed, co-developed, co-delivered, co-assessed and co-accredited with input from employers and industry.

By actively working alongside regional employers and industries, we will ensure that your study experience is loaded with real-world skill development, you'll be certain of your future in your chosen industry, and you'll be supported to make a difference in your local community.

Co-op builds on our core strength as a dual-sector, regional university with top ratings in Victoria in graduate employment outcomes and skills development, along with our leadership in industry collaboration.

What does the co-op model offer students?

Our students will benefit from working on projects in real workplaces, delivering practical outcomes for industry, government, and not-for-profits, with the work experience they gain contributing to their academic record and completion of their program.

Every student will complete structured workplace skills and accredited learning in a workplace, with options for paid cadetships, internships, or working on real projects on campus.

Every Federation co-op degree will:

- Include transferable skills as well as technical skills to prepare you for your career
- Include at least 150 hours of workplace learning that contributes to your course credits
- Give you the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders and build your professional network while you study

You'll also be provided with a range of opportunities to suit your goals and needs, including:

- Paid extended internships
- Shorter 'learning in the workplace' opportunities
- Team-based projects for an industry partner
- Connections with local and international opportunities, with access to major national and global employers opening up opportunities for travel

At Federation University, our co-op model will provide you with real, meaningful work experience in workplaces using the latest technology, no matter what degree or program you choose.



Our industry connections are well established

Thanks to Federation's experienced staff and long history, we have some of the strongest industry and business relationships in Australia.

Work Integrated Learning

Across all our programs and courses Work Integrated Learning (WIL) can be real or simulated, occurring in the workplace, at University, online or face to face.

A [WIL placement](#) is a smart way to boost your employability and meet the kind of people you'll be working with in the field.

With our strong connections, we partner you with leading businesses and organisations.

Industry Placement Program

The [Industry Placement Program](#) (IPP) provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable workplace experience, to enhance their knowledge and skills. IPP is a unique pathway for businesses, government, and industry to attract new talent with skills and interests relevant to the workplace

Careers and employability

Our [careers and employability team](#) provide career advice, help with finding work while you study, internships and vacation programs, volunteer work, graduate programs, and graduate jobs.

We offer a broad range of services including several workshops and programs on a range of employment-related topics, offered both on campus and online. We can help with writing your resume, cover letter, key selection criteria document reviews, job interview preparation and practice, access to volunteering opportunities, and careers information and resources.

We also provide you with access to an online jobs portal, EDGE, which gives you access to a range of current employment, volunteer, and skills development opportunities.

[Find out more about our partnerships →](#)

We're renowned for Supporting our students

We understand that starting the next step in your education journey is exciting, but we also know it can involve a challenge or two along the way.

To help you meet these challenges, and to succeed in your studies, we have a range of student-focused programs and services available to help you strike the right balance between work, life and study during your time with us.

Support services

We have an extensive range of personal support services dedicated to supporting your day-to-day wellbeing and activities, including:

- Accommodation
- Scholarships and grants
- Equity and inclusion
- Health services
- Complaints
- Aboriginal Education Centre
- Safer campuses
- Elite athlete program
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Financial information and support
- International student advisory
- Chaplaincy
- Justice of the peace
- Student advocacy
- Children's centres

Academic support

Access study support, resources and learning advice to help you improve your academic skills - you'll find everything you need to make your studies a success including tips on managing your enrolment, accessing our systems, and finding opportunities to build your career and connect to fellow students, including:

- ASK desk
- Copyright
- Fed Ready
- Help with referencing
- IT support
- Learning skills advisors
- Library
- Online systems help
- Online study hub and booklet
- PASS (Peer Assisted Study Support) program
- Student mentors
- Studiosity study skills
- Subject guides



Fast facts and additional information

We're an institution steeped in history. Starting small with just one campus in Ballarat, Victoria over 150 years ago. Today, we are proud to be Victoria's #1 Regional University and service our communities through innovative dual-sector training.

Our campuses

Our campuses stretch across Victoria - from the Wimmera and Ballarat in the west, to Berwick and Gippsland in the east - and into Queensland with our newest addition in Brisbane giving students even more choice.

On campus accommodation

[FedLiving](#) allows you to live on campus and meet new people from a range of backgrounds and courses. First-year undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation during their first year of study*.

**conditions apply*

Useful links

[Aboriginal Education Centre](#)

[Chaplaincy](#)

[Children's Centres](#)

[Counselling](#)

[Disability Support](#)

[Elite Athlete Program](#)

[Higher Degrees by Research](#)

[International Students](#)

[Libraries](#)

[P-Tech](#)

[Student Advisory Service](#)

[Student Careers & Employment](#)

[Student Health](#)

[Student HQ](#)

[TAFE](#)

[Textbooks and study resources](#)



Have a question?

We're #1 in student support for good reason. Book a one-on-one consultation to speak directly to our expert Future Students team now.

[Book a consultation today →](#)

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