



## Faculty of Health, Social Care & Education

# MSc Public Health

### Start Date:

January  
(Cambridge only)  
September  
(Chelmsford only)

### Duration:

Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years

### Campus:

Cambridge  
(January only)  
Chelmsford  
(September only)

### Fees 2012/13:

Home/EU Full-time:  
£6,500

Home/EU Part-time:  
£3,250

International Full-time:  
£9,800

### Intermediate Awards:

PG Cert & PG Dip

### Entry Requirements:

Applicants should normally have a good first degree or equivalent and be working, or hope to work, within any area of the public health arena.

All applicants will be required to demonstrate the university standard of English language (IELTS) at Level 6.5 (including written English) prior to commencement on a course.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The course is intended for people in all sectors of health, local government, voluntary organisations and the wider community who want to develop their skills and knowledge for effective public health practice and tackling inequalities in health.

This course puts emphasis on the collaborative and multi-dimensional approaches integral to working with individuals and communities to improve public health.

### COURSE CONTENT

In-order to successfully complete the course students must successfully complete all of the following compulsory modules:

#### ADDICTIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT (30 credits)

This module will assist you to develop skills in presenting detailed clinical information on particular conditions. On this module you will develop a critical understanding of two contrasting types of widespread forms of public health challenge: those presented by addictions (to alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, food etc) and the public health issues associated with infectious disease management. The module will include:

- Patterns of Addiction and of Infectious Disease
- Strategies of Control: Inoculation, Containment, Prevention
- Influence of Poverty and Environment (rural and urban)
- Chronic Disease Management

#### ESSENTIAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY (30 credits)

This module will explore the factors affecting the development and implementation of public health initiatives. On this module you will develop a critical understanding of public health, and are encouraged to engage in critical debate using historical and theoretical perspectives to examine major public health issues and policy developments. The module will include:

- Theories and Concepts of Public Health

- Public Health and Social Inequalities (class, gender, race, etc.)

- Policy and Practice: Local, National and International

- Comparative Public Health Finance Systems

- Field Trip: A Visit to a Current Public Health Intervention

#### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS (30 credits)

This module teaches you to use statistical and research techniques to manage the gathering, presentation and interpretation of public health data. Epidemiology is an underlying feature of all course modules, but this module provides the practical skills needed to interpret data, the opportunity to explore and review the research process (research protocols, literature review, design, methodology and presentation of findings) and the skills to evaluate public health research data. This module will include:

- Fundamentals of Quantitative Research Methods
- Presentation and Interpretation of Research
- Sources of Population Data

#### STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND COMMISSIONING (30 credits)

This module offers public health practitioners the opportunity to develop leadership skills within an inter-professional context in order to achieve public health improvement. It is aimed at developing skills in carrying out population's needs assessments and setting local priorities and commissioning in health, local government and the third sector services. The module will include:

- Community Health Impact Assessments
- Leadership Styles
- Organisation and Management Theories
- Strategic Planning
- Collaboration, Negotiation and Advocacy
- Standards, Competencies and Processes of Efficient Commissioning
- Inter-agency and Media Communications
- Commissioning of Public Health Projects



### RESEARCH STUDIES (30 credits)

This module is designed to provide you with a critical overview of the main methodologies and designs applied to research within health and social care, professional practice, regulation and policy. The module will provide a framework within which to select, evaluate and justify the research methods chosen for your research project and will include:

- Issues of Terminologies, Methodologies, Research Process, and Ethical Issues in Relation to Research Conduct and Utilisation
- Critique of Published Studies of Different Research Approaches.



### MAJOR PROJECT (60 credits)

This module will support you in your preparation and submission of a Masters level major project (either a research project or work-based project). An introductory workshop will prepare you for this module and provide an overview of the requirements.

- Statutory Requirements (including research ethics and research governance)
- The Role of the Student and the Supervisor
- Time and Information Management



The workshops will focus on:

- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Presentation of Findings in the Dissertation and Other Publications



### TEACHING AND LEARNING

The modules use a variety of teaching and learning strategies. Presentations and workshops address public health issues at local, national and international levels, using input from local practitioners where appropriate, and incorporating internet data resources and support from an e-learning environment.



### ASSESSMENT

The forms of assessment vary between modules. This is in order to assist students to develop submission evidence for Public Health professional recognition at a later date. Assignments include the production of reports, essays and portfolios, for the MSc a major project is also required. All the assessments are designed to demonstrate the range of knowledge and skills expected of a manager operating at Level 8 of the UK Public Health Careers & Skills Framework.



### VISA INFORMATION

Anglia Ruskin University is able to make on the spot offers to eligible applicants if you meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen course. The University is a licensed sponsor under the new Points

Based System and is able to assist students in obtaining entry clearance to the UK.

### THE INTERNATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The International Merit Scholarship scheme provides awards to international students applying for any full-time course. Once you apply for a course at Anglia Ruskin University you will be automatically considered for a scholarship. For any queries relating to international fees and funding please visit: [www.anglia.ac.uk/international/fees](http://www.anglia.ac.uk/international/fees) or email the International Office at: [angliaruskin@enquiries.uk.com](mailto:angliaruskin@enquiries.uk.com)

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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