

Health Program Evaluation

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Overview:	<p>Students specialising in Health Program Evaluation acquire knowledge and skills in both the theory and applied practice of the evaluation of health programs and interventions. There is a strong emphasis on broadening the roles of program evaluation to include program planning, design, implementation, or monitoring as the evaluative focus, as well as the more traditional impact evaluation. The importance of negotiation and planning of program evaluations with commissioners and stakeholders to enhance knowledge utilisation is stressed, and students develop skills in defining appropriate evaluation questions; applying a variety of data collection and analysis strategies; the effective reporting of evaluations; and developing different evaluation plans for pro-active, clarificative, interactive, monitoring and impact evaluation purposes. The role of program evaluation in the conduct of public health programs and its role in the support of health care management through capacity building is examined.</p> <p>Students may choose to combine their study of Health Program Evaluation with the study of Economic Evaluation, as both represent important approaches to health services research and evaluation.</p> <p>Recent research projects by students completing the health program evaluation stream have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Evaluations of the "Challenging Ageing" Program in Victoria, a clinical pathway to improve peri-operative care in patients with diabetes, an investigation of factors influencing the success of Pulmonary Rehabilitation programs in Australia # An evaluation plan for a program designed to provide orthopaedic interventions for children in Nepal # A needs assessment plan for an adolescent dental care program in Indonesia # An investigation into the extent to which evaluation is incorporated into quality improvement programs in selected hospitals in Victoria , and qualitative assessment of outcomes from participants' perceptions of chronic disease self –management programs <p>Local and international graduates with a health program evaluation specialisation find work in organisations in a variety of roles, including the commissioning and management of evaluations; undertaking program evaluations within the organisation; program and intervention development, delivery and evaluation; policy analysis; and quality accreditation. All are involved in program evaluation utilization, a form of knowledge transfer. Many work where their specialisation is their key role, while most have program evaluation as an important role in their work.</p>											
Objectives:	-											
Structure & Available Subjects:	200 Point Program: 14 subjects and a research project 175 Point Program: 12 subjects and a research project 150 Point Program: 10 subjects and a research project											
Subject Options:	<p>Two Core Consortium Subjects</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90013 Statistics</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Epidemiology</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Recommended Consortium Subject</p>			Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90013 Statistics	March	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology	March	12.50
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Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90012 Health Economics & Program Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50

Other Consortium Subjects

A minimum of one other Consortium subject of your choice from the following:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90021 Principles & Practice of Public Health	March	12.50
POPH90023 Public Health Policy	March	12.50
POPH90022 Environmental Influences on Health	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90020 Health Promotion	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90019 Social & Cultural Perspec in Public Hlth	Semester 2	12.50

Pre-requisite subjects for Research Project

Students must take 505-509 and either 505904 or 505511

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90058 Health Program Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90090 Health Program Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50
505-511 Methods for Evaluating Health Services 1	Not offered 2010	12.50

Recommended Group 1 Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90093 Economic Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90095 Economic Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90090 Health Program Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50
505-511 Methods for Evaluating Health Services 1	Not offered 2010	12.50

Research Project

The research project is compulsory and allows students to consolidate their MPH studies in a particular discipline(s). Some research projects have pre-requisites and/or recommended subjects to help guide course planning. The Research Project is offered in two consecutive semesters i.e. Semester 1 and 2 or 2 and 1. All students should consult with the MPH coordinator early in their enrolment to identify possible research project topics and supervisors.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90091 Research Project in Health Program Evaln	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Related Course(s):

Master of Public Health