

# Primary Care

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Primary care refers to the care a patient receives upon first contact with the health care system, before referral elsewhere within the system, as well as the care received after exiting hospital. The aim of primary care is to provide the patient with a broad spectrum of preventive and curative care over a period of time as well as to coordinate all of the care the patient receives. Primary care research is multidisciplinary and aims to improve the evidence base for best practice in the primary care setting. This specialisation will allow a focus on the aspects of research method which are particular to primary care research or on a content area of particular relevance to this setting.</p>																														
<b>Objectives:</b>	-																														
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>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</p>																														
<b>Subject Options:</b>	<p><b>Two Core Consortium Subjects</b></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><b>Other Consortium Subjects</b>            A minimum of two appropriate 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>POPH90021 Principles &amp; Practice of Public Health</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90023 Public Health Policy</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90020 Health Promotion</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90019 Social &amp; Cultural Perspec in Public Hlth</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90022 Environmental Influences on Health</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90012 Health Economics &amp; Program Evaluation</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Group 1 Electives</b>            To be chosen by the student in consultation with the Specialisation Coordinator in the Department of General Practice.</p> <p><b>Group 2 Electives</b></p>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90013 Statistics	March	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology	March	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90021 Principles & Practice of Public Health	March	12.50	POPH90023 Public Health Policy	March	12.50	POPH90020 Health Promotion	Semester 2	12.50	POPH90019 Social & Cultural Perspec in Public Hlth	Semester 2	12.50	POPH90022 Environmental Influences on Health	Semester 2	12.50	POPH90012 Health Economics & Program Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50
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### 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:
GENP90001 Research Project in Primary Health Care	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

#### Related Course(s):

Master of Public Health