

## PD-HSS Postgraduate Diploma in Health Social Sciences

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| <b>Year and Campus:</b>                           | 2011 - Parkville   |
| <b>Fees Information:</b>                          | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>  |
| <b>Level:</b>                                     | Graduate/Postgraduate  |
| <b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>              | 100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.   |
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| <b>Course Overview:</b>                           | <p>The Post Graduate Diploma of Health Social Sciences (PGDipHSocSc) degree is a social science coursework degree with a focus on health and health care. The focus of the PGDipHSocSc degree is the study of health from a multidisciplinary social sciences approach. It will provide you with an opportunity to gain knowledge from a range of social science disciplines and to understand how theory is applied to health in the social sciences. It is designed for people interested in broadening their knowledge and expertise to incorporate social sciences approaches as they apply to health but who do not necessarily wish to undertake research training and a minor thesis.</p> <p>The health social sciences include a variety of disciplines including: sociology, anthropology, history, ethics, psychology, economics, social epidemiology and policy studies. Health Social Sciences refers to the application of these disciplinary perspectives to improve and better understand health. The Post Graduate Diploma of Health Social Sciences brings these disciplines together in the study of health and healthcare. People often think of health in clinical and biomedical terms. The health social sciences are 'enabling disciplines' that bridge medicine and society, the clinic and the community, translating medical knowledge into policy and social practice. They provide integrative knowledge for health and medicine, which seek to understand how social, economic, cultural, historical and ethical factors affect health and health care.</p> |
| <b>Objectives:</b>                                | <p>On completion of this course, students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have a sound understanding of the conceptual approaches within the social study of health, illness and health care;</li> <li># have knowledge of relevant social science theories and be able to apply it to health problems;</li> <li># have the ability to critically evaluate and synthesise the relevant literature;</li> <li># have developed skills analysing the contexts of health problems;</li> <li># be able to apply the conceptual, theoretical and practical dimensions of the course in students' own professional practice;</li> <li># be able to articulate knowledge and understanding of the area in oral and written form;</li> <li># understand the principles and practices of knowledge exchange;</li> <li># have a respect for intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of scholarship.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b> | <p>100 point program: 8 Coursework Subjects</p> <p>The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Social Sciences (PGDipHSocSc) degree serves as an exit pathway for those students enrolled in the MHSocSc who want to exit after successful completion of eight subjects. After completion of four Postgraduate Diploma Health Social Sciences subjects at a level of at least H2B, students may apply for admission to the MHSocSc and apply for credit of completed subjects.</p>  |
| <b>Subject Options:</b>                           | <p><b>Core Subjects</b><br/>         Students must complete the following FIVE core subjects:</p>  |

| Subject                                 | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| POPH90206 Health Policy                 | March                      | 12.50          |
| POPH90207 Health Ethics                 | Semester 1                 | 12.50          |
| POPH90205 Social Determinants of Health | Semester 1                 | 12.50          |
| POPH90203 Social Analysis in Health 1   | July                       | 12.50          |
| POPH90204 Social Analysis in Health 2   | September                  | 12.50          |

**Elective Subjects**

Students must complete THREE of the following subjects:

| Subject   | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| POPH90213 Ethical Dimensions in Health Care     | Semester 1                 | 12.50          |
| POPH90199 Gender and Health                     | Semester 1                 | 12.50          |
| POPH90210 Behaviour Society and Health          | Not offered 2011           | 12.50          |
| POPH90212 Community:Theory and Practice         | Not offered 2011           | 12.50          |
| POPH90211 Critical Debates in Population Health | Semester 2                 | 12.50          |
| POPH90209 Health Systems                        | August                     | 12.50          |
| POPH90208 Key Concepts in Medical Anthropology  | Semester 2                 | 12.50          |

**Entry Requirements:**

Completed any 3 year degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline;  
 OR  
 Have proof of meeting the requirements for registration or temporary registration as a nurse by the Nurses Board of Victoria in Division 1, 3, or 4 of the Register;  
 # AND at least 5 years documented relevant work or professional experience;  
 # AND documentary evidence of competent academic or professional writing skills,  
 OR  
 Equivalent professional qualification  
 # AND at least 5 years documented relevant work or professional experience;  
 # AND documentary evidence of competent academic or professional writing skills.

The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports or employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

Applicants who have completed honours or a relevant social science or health related degree may apply for advanced standing for up to 50 points of either core or elective subjects.

**Core Participation Requirements:**

For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this course are articulated in the Course Description, Course Objectives and Generic Skills of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website.

**Graduate Attributes:**

Graduates from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Social Sciences will have the following attributes: Academically excellent: be critical and creative thinkers in applied settings, with a commitment to continued self-directed learning and professional development; have a strong understanding of the relevance of social aspects of health, particularly as they relate to the workplace; have in-depth knowledge of the application of their discipline(s) in social sciences as it applies to population health; reach a high level of achievement in writing, generic research activities, problem-solving and communication to a peer reviewed standard; be adept at learning in a range of ways, including through information and communication technologies; have a

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|                               | <p>strong sense of intellectual integrity and the ethics of scholarship Knowledgeable across disciplines:examine critically, synthesise, integrate and evaluate social sciences knowledge across a broad range of health related disciplinesexpand their analytical and cognitive skills through learning experiences in diverse subjectshave the capacity to participate fully in collaborative learning and to confront unfamiliar problems within the health contexthave a set of flexible and transferable skills for different types of career development in the health contextLeaders in communities, professions and workplace :demonstrate leadership within their communitieshave excellent interpersonal and decision-making skills, including an awareness of personal strengths and limitationsbe a mentor for future generations of learnersengage in meaningful public discourse, with a profound awareness of community needsRecognize and respond positively to cultural and social diversity:accept social and community responsibilitiesbe advocates for improving the sustainability of the environmenthave a broad global understanding, with a high regard for human rights, equity and ethicsAwareness of how research impacts on their environments:promote collectively agreed standards for the conduct of population health researchengage in high quality technical and ethical standards</p> |
| <p><b>Generic Skills:</b></p> | <p>-</p>  |