

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research (134JA.2)

Please note these are the 2022 details for this course

Domestic students

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| Selection rank | PG |
| Delivery mode | |
| Location | Bruce, Canberra |
| Duration | 1.0 years |
| Faculty | Faculty of Health |
| Discipline | Faculty of Health |
| UAC code | 880733 |
| English language requirements | An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). |
| | View IELTS equivalences |

International students

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| Academic entry requirements | To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. |
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About this course

It's time to step up and be listened to

If you're an experienced, qualified nurse or health professional looking for career advancement and/or the opportunity to gain additional knowledge, experience and qualifications in health - then the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research will give you the skills and qualifications to work at a higher, more strategic level.

This 12 months (full time), or 48 month (part-time), course takes a deeper and more advanced look at health-related topics like epidemiology, planning, how to perform statistical analyses and understanding the qualitative and quantitative practices of the research process.

This course will also prepare you with the necessary skills to be able to design and lead your own clinical research projects which could go on to help influence health related policies in Government Health, Private Health and Health Insurance industries.

As part of this course you'll also learn methodology, ethical and economic considerations and acquire crucial new technical writing skills. In addition, with strong industry contacts with local and national hospitals, communities and professional bodies, you will also gain an extensive range of industry and professional contacts.

Study a Graduate Certificate in Health Research at UC and you will:

- build on your relevant undergraduate degree with enhanced research skills
- develop knowledge of how to progress an idea to the stage of a research project
- be competent in developing an answerable research question, planning and developing a research proposal and

performing appropriate statistical analyses

- have the necessary skills and qualifications to participate in, and eventually lead clinical research
- be recognised as a top level strategic thinker

Work Integrated Learning

WIL is a major component of the UC experience and students are given the unique opportunity to take their experience and use health related issues, from their current work environment, as potential study and research subjects from which to gain valuable knowledge and insights.

Career opportunities

A Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research opens many doors and can lead into a career as professional advisor and/or consultant in health or health related fields for both government and private health sectors.

Course-specific information

This is an approved and accredited course and as such students must have a degree in a health related field, or the equivalent as approved by the University.

Admission requirements

A completed bachelor degree in a health-related discipline*.

* A health-related discipline includes medicine, nursing, dentistry, psychology, counselling, pharmacy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nutrition and dietetics, optometry, speech pathology, sports and exercise science, speech pathology

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research (134JA) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

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Research Planning PG (6486) | 3 credit points — Level P

Qualitative Research Practice in Health PG (9583) | 3 credit points — Level P

Quantitative Research Practice in Health PG (9585) | 3 credit points — Level P

[Research Project in Health PG \(6cp\) \(9593\)](#) | 6 credit points – Level P

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level P

Open Electives - 6 credit points as follows

- - Must pass 6 credit points at Postgraduate Level from anywhere in the University.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing- Quantitative Research Project

Year 1

Semester 1

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#)

[Quantitative Research Practice in Health PG \(9585\)](#)

[Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

[Qualitative Research Practice in Health PG \(9583\)](#)

[Research Project in Health PG \(6cp\) \(9593\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing-Qualitative Research Project

Year 1

Semester 1

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#)

[Qualitative Research Practice in Health PG \(9583\)](#)

[Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Quantitative Research Practice in Health PG (9585)

Research Project in Health PG (6cp) (9593)

One Open Elective Unit

Course information

Course duration

Standard: two semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum: eight semesters.

Learning outcomes

| Learning outcomes | Related graduate attributes |
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| On completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research students will be competent in developing an answerable research question, planning and developing a research proposal and, conducting and reporting on a research project. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 - Communication2 - Analysis and Inquiry3 - Problem Solving4 - Working independently and with others5 - Professionalism and Social Responsibility. |

Awards

| Award | Official abbreviation |
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| Graduate Diploma in Health Research | GradDip HealthRsch |

Alternative exits

The Graduate Certificate in Health Research is subsumable into this course.

Enquiries

| Student category | Contact details |
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| Prospective Domestic Students | Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226) |
| Prospective International Students | Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342 |
| Current and Commencing Students | Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email student.centre@canberra.edu.au |

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.