

Master of Health (Research) (135JA.3)

Please note these are the 2026 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Faculty of Health
UAC code	
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

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.
	View UC's academic entry requirements

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Duration	2.0 years
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CRICOS code	069272F
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About this course

Hone your skills as a health researcher

If you're an experienced graduate of a health-related discipline and looking to evaluate and explore the evidence for practice, develop and conduct health research, then the Master of Health (Research) is the course that will help you gain the qualifications to be recognised as a research specialist.

This course is available either as a research-only pathway, or a coursework and research program. It can be taken as an intensive 2- year course, or part-time online course. Each research project will be planned, developed and carried out under the supervision of a leading academic or industry partner in the field.

This course is designed specifically to help you develop the critical research skills and experience needed to research the health field of your choice.

Upon completion of this course, you will have written and produced a thoroughly researched and documented a research paper or thesis and have it made available for presentation purposes and peer review.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL is a significant component of the UC experience, and as part of this course, students will have in-depth, hands-on support from leading industry academics, as well as access to the university's professional and industry contacts to help you develop and research your health topic of choice.

Career opportunities

A Master of Health (Research) will lead you into a career as a specialist health professional and as a result, can then open further career options as an expert advisor and consultant in health or health-related fields for both government and private health sectors.

Completion of this course also offers a direct pathway into a Ph.D. in Health, through criteria-based transfer or further study.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Candidates wishing to apply for the Master of Health (Research) must show evidence of the following:

- Recognised undergraduate health sciences degree at honours level or
- Recognised health science degree and health experience, with demonstrated capacity and/or aptitude for research.
- Approval of your study plans with a supervising academic.

Two or more years of relevant work experience in health would be an advantage. If you have no prior research training, we would advise undertaking the combined coursework/research training option in the course.

Additional admission requirements

Students commencing in semester 2 can enrol part-time only.

Candidates are also required to complete a Research Education Program that will enable them to acquire the generic skills and attributes identified as appropriate for graduates of postgraduate research programs at the University of Canberra.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 2		✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 1		✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 2		✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Research Semester 1		✓	✓

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

Master of Health (Research) (135JA) | 48 credit points

Coursework Units - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[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](#)

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

- 1. It is recommended always to take Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) first, ahead of the other coursework units, and Research Planning PG (6486) as the last coursework unit.
- 1.1. The below typical pattern is a guide only.
- 2. Research Planning PG (6486) and Quantitative Research Practice in Health PG (9585) are available for Winter semester.
- 3. Some students may request a course variation to complete, Research Project in Health PG (9592.5) (3 credit points) or Research Project in Health PG (6cp) (9593) (6 credit points).

Note: Candidates are also required to complete a Research Education Program to acquire the generic skills & attributes identified as appropriate for graduates of postgraduate research programs at UC.

Thesis - Must pass 36 credit points from the following

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\) | 36 credit points – Level P](#)

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\) | 36 credit points – Level P](#)

[Master of Health Research Thesis 9CP PG \(12071\) | 36 credit points – Level P](#)

[Master of Health Research Thesis 12CP PG \(12072\) | 36 credit points – Level P](#)

- Must enrol in a minimum of 12CP from the thesis units before submitting thesis and up to 36 available CP from the thesis units (12069, 12070, 12071, 12072)

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

Year 1

Semester 1

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

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

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

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

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

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

Year 2

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 12CP PG \(12072\)](#)

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 12CP PG \(12072\)](#)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

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

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

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

Year 2

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

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

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

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 12CP PG \(12072\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 12CP PG \(12072\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

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

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Year 2

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

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

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 3CP PG \(12069\)](#)

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

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Semester 2

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

[Master of Health Research Thesis 6CP PG \(12070\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 4 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
To be competent in developing an answerable research question, planning a research project, developing an ethics proposal, using qualitative and/or quantitative research methods and undertaking a systematic literature review and focussed research project at a Masters degree level.	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
	2,3,4,5,8,9,10
	2,3,4,6,7,10
	2,3,4,6,7,10
	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
To demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the scientific literature in their field of study and be aware of current or potential areas of contention likely to form the focus of future research in their field.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
To develop the skills necessary for communicating the results of their work effectively to other professionals in their field of study.	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Health (Research)	M Health(Rsch)

Alternative exits

133JA Graduate Certificate in Health Research

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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Prospective Students - Domestic	E: study@canberra.edu.au P: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226) W: www.canberra.edu.au/future-students
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Current and Commencing Students	Faculty of Health or Course Convener E: Health.Student@canberra.edu.au

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TEQSA Provider ID: PRV12003 (Australian University)

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.