

MPH

Master of Public Health

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 to 36 months

Apply by: **11 September 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

Build the foundations of a career as a public health leader striving to promote health to, and prevent disease in, individuals, families, communities and populations. You'll analyse public health systems, health protection principles and improvement strategies, learn how to reduce inequalities, and gain essential statistical, research and leadership skills.

Introduction

Our Master of Public Health (MPH) programmes are designed to equip you with the analytical, research, and collaborative skills essential for public health professionals. You will learn to promote health, prevent disease, and reduce health inequalities in a globalized world. Graduating from the University of Liverpool's MPH program will prepare you to apply public health principles locally, nationally, and globally.

Pathways

Choose from two specialised pathways:

1. Master of Public Health

The main MPH pathway focuses on the competencies required for the evolving public health sector in the UK.

2. Master of Public Health (Global Public Health)

The MPH (Global Public Health) pathway is ideal for those aiming to develop careers in global settings.

Both pathways provide the expertise and practical skills needed to thrive in diverse public health environments.

Programme highlights

- Expertise and networking: Benefit from the internationally recognized expertise within the Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems. Network with guest speakers who are leading professionals in the field.
- Multidisciplinary approach: Learn how public health professionals can collaborate to address health inequalities by tackling the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
- Comprehensive understanding: Gain a critical understanding of how social, economic, and political systems shape population health outcomes and contribute to health inequalities.
- Research skills: Acquire practical experience in designing, conducting, and analysing epidemiological and qualitative research. Learn how social science theories can enhance public health policies.

Curriculum

The MPH (main pathway) aligns with the UK Faculty of Public Health specialty training curriculum and is a core component of approved public health specialty training programs for Health Education North West (HENW). This prepares you for the UK Faculty of Public Health Part A examinations and equips you for leadership roles in public health research, practice, and policy.

Established in 1989, the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is internationally respected for its multidisciplinary focus and commitment to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Health for All principles.

Why choose the Liverpool MPH?

Our programme leverages internationally recognised expertise within the [Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems](#). You'll gain insights from leading professionals and network with guest speakers shaping the future of public health.

Who is this course for?

Our students come from diverse backgrounds, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, health services, health service management, environmental health, and

graduates from natural sciences, social sciences, or humanities. This programme is essential for those working in public health, health services management, policy and planning, housing, transport, governmental organizations, community groups, and non-governmental organizations. Clinical students wishing to intercalate are also welcome.

Flexible learning options

The programme offers a modular format and open learning facilities, allowing you to study at Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, or Masters levels. You can also take individual course modules as standalone CPD (Continuing Professional Development) modules.

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What you'll learn

- A critical understanding of the wider determinants of health and health inequalities
- Key statistical concepts and epidemiological techniques applied to public health
- How to use qualitative research to explore current issues in healthcare
- Key techniques in economic evaluation for health and public health interventions
- The application of social science theories and sociological concepts to public health
- Principles of health protection from infectious diseases, hazards, and emerging threats
- How to evaluate the evidence behind public health and healthcare interventions
- How to devise a public health improvement strategy
- Current and historical influences on the development of public health systems.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

You'll study three compulsory modules and choose one optional module in semester one. Please note, you can take PUBH003 Health Economics as an optional module in Semester 1.

PUBH003 Health Economics:

Health economics concerns the allocation of scarce health and care resources. In this module students will be introduced to the economic arguments for and against public and private models of healthcare provision, approaches to determine how to distribute healthcare resources fairly, and how to determine whether an intervention is a cost-effective use of healthcare resources ('value for money'). Particular attention is given to the application of these concepts to public health.

The aim is to equip students with the skills to critique and apply core concepts of health economics by enhancing knowledge of how health economics can inform efficient and equitable use of health (and care) resources.

Students will benefit from research-connected teaching with academic staff and have opportunities for active learning. Learning will be assessed via two pieces of coursework.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH I (PUBH110)	15
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT (PUBH130)	15
AN INTRODUCTION TO QUALITATIVE RESEARCH (PUBH160)	15

Optional modules	Credits
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBH001)	15
HEALTH ECONOMICS (PUBH003)	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

You'll study three compulsory modules and chose one optional module in semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
HEALTH INEQUALITIES: EVIDENCE AND POLICY. (PUBH407)	15
HEALTH PROTECTION (PUBH220)	15

Optional modules	Credits
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH II (PUBH250)	15
EVIDENCE-BASED PUBLIC HEALTH: THEORY, METHODS AND PRACTICE (PUBH418)	15
PLANETARY HEALTH (PUBH002)	15
HEALTH & SOCIETY (PUBH150)	15

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Final project

You'll complete a dissertation in semester three.

Modules

Compulsory modules

Credits

DISSERTATION (PUBH300)

60

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

The programme is taught using a combination of tutorials, seminars, group exercises, lab work and self-directed study. The focus is on small group sizes and collaborative work, with an open learning approach where the emphasis is on interaction.

You'll typically attend for two days per week for full-time study for the first two semester. Semester three is dedicated to your dissertation.

How you're assessed

You'll be assessed through a combination of individual written assignments, written examinations, group presentations and group reports. You will also complete a dissertation.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

The MPH forms a core component of approved training programmes for Health Education North West (HENW). They're responsible for the commissioning and management of training and education for: NHS speciality registrars in public health, working towards a Certificate of Completion of Training and students who wish to go on to complete Membership of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (MFPHM) Part A.

The programme provides a strong foundation for putting public health principles into practice in a variety of settings, including research, practice and policy.

As an MPH graduate, you can apply for senior positions in public health research, practice and policy. Suitable roles are varied, from working on community health improvement programmes to contributing to the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

You'll be well-placed to take on a management or leadership role working in:

- Governmental organisations
- Health services management
- Policy and planning
- Housing
- Transport
- Community groups
- Charities
- Non-governmental organisations.

On successful completion of the MPH, you could also choose to pursue further study at doctoral level.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £13,000

Part-time place, per year – £6,500

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £30,000

Part-time place, per year – £15,000

Please note that there is also an option to study Master of Public Health MPH over three years. For UK students, the fee is £4,333 per year. For international students, the fee is £10,000 per year. Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments.
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship.
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit.

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. **Learn more about paying for your studies**.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

The Master of Public Health (MPH) programme is available to any University graduate in a health or health-related profession, as well as non-health-related graduates and others approved by the University. The entry requirements are as follows:

- Graduates in medicine of an approved university, health related degrees, and non-health related degrees at 2:2 level or above
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate evidence of work experience (paid, voluntary, internships, etc.) relevant to public health
- Applicants without a degree may be considered on the basis of holding a significant amount of direct public health work experience (assessed by the Programme Director).

Applicants will also need to provide a personal statement detailing why they wish to undertake the programme and how their work experience is relevant to the programme

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the **[University of Liverpool International College](#)**, in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MPH, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept TOEFL and Pearsons' language tests. [Explore international language tests.](#)

IELTS

7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5

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