

About the course

Essential Considerations

To be considered for the course applicants need to:

Submit a completed application form;

- Applicants must have an undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline and relevant professional experience
- Provide documentation of their proficiency in English by obtaining a IELTS overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score of less than 6.5, or a TOEFL score of 250 with an ER score of 5. [This only applies to students who have obtained their degrees from non-English speaking universities];
- Provide a personal statement outlining their reasons for wanting to undertake the MIH course

About the institutions

MONASH UNIVERSITY

The Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine at Monash University is at the forefront of postgraduate teaching in public health. As well as being a centre of excellence dedicated to learning, the Department also has a substantial collaborative research program in clinical and public health research.

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/epidemiology/pgrad/>

The Department of Geography & Environmental Science is a vibrant, research-intensive school focusing on the Earth and our place on it. They educate in topics ranging from dryland geomorphology to urban social change, and from sustainable futures to international development.

<http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/ges/>

The Burnet Institute

Centre for International Health

Burnet Institute is a not-for-profit independent research and development institute committed to improving the health of communities in resource-poor settings.

<http://www.burnet.internationalhealth.edu.au>

Fees 2006

The MIH is a fee paying course of three semesters (12 units) of study at \$13,190 per full time year (8 units).

International students - \$27,500 per full time year (8 units)

Enrolment procedure

For full application details refer to the Monash International Post Graduate Course Guide 2006 or <http://www.monash.edu/international/home/>

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MONASH University



Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine

Master of International Health



In collaboration with The Centre for International Health, Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research & Public Health

Entry requirements

The course aims to provide both local and international students with the skills necessary to work with communities in less developed countries. Students will be taught how to conduct research and design, implement and evaluate programs that address major health & development priorities of communities.

Public health and research issues will be presented in the context of economic and social development, stressing cultural, political, gender, and environmental influences, and the impact of armed conflict and population migration.

The course will focus on primary health care, community development, globalisation, human rights and in particular the right to health, research law and ethics, maternal and child health, communicable disease control, chronic and nutritional diseases, health promotion, health service delivery, environmental health and emergency preparedness and response.

Staff & Associates

Program Director

Bebe Loff BA LLB MA PhD is Head of the Human Rights and Bioethics Unit in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Monash University.

Teaching staff - The units will be taught by staff from the Burnet Institute's Centre for International Health, Monash University's Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (DEPM), the Department of Geography & Environmental Science, and guest speakers who have expertise on specific topics.



The Burnet Building, Alfred Hospital, which houses DEPM and the Burnet Institute.

Course objectives

By the end of the course students will -

- Understand the history of Primary Health Care and its relationship with politics, economics and human rights.
- Understand current global influences on health in less developed countries and current international agreements to address health disparities.
- Analyse the economic, political, cultural, social & gender determinants of public health in resource poor settings.
- Understand the interaction between development, human rights, ethics, and health status.
- Understand, in broad terms, the application of law to research.
- Understand core epidemiological and biostatistical concepts required in public health and the theoretical basis for quantitative and qualitative research performed in relation to human health.
- Be able to apply basic quantitative and qualitative tools to primary health care programming in a less developed country setting.
- Be able to critically review the ethical and scientific merit of international health research.
- Develop appropriate health program management tools, including situational analysis, population surveys, behavioural studies, health information systems, operations research & participatory evaluation
- Understand the special health needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups, including women and children, refugees and internally displaced persons;
- Be able to develop in participation with local communities appropriate and accessible health programs aimed at health issues, such as chronic diseases, and communicable disease control.
- Understand the special circumstances & actions required in an acute disaster setting, including a refugee emergency.
- Design and carry out ethical research to identify health priorities & generate initiatives for policy & action.
- Participate in the development and management of community-based primary health care programs in a developing country setting, including needs assessments, planning and evaluation, health information collection, and operations research incorporating the essential components of participation and collaboration.
- Develop community-based health promotion strategies to address identified priority health problems;
- Be able to demonstrate skills in report writing, oral presentations, verbal & visual communications.

Course structure

The course runs for 16 months over three semesters.

Students are required to select 12 units from the following list.

Core Units (Compulsory)

MPH 2048	Primary Health Care in Developing Countries
MPH 1040	Epidemiology
MPH 1041	Biostatistics
MPH 2049	Field Methods for International Planning & Evaluation
MPH 2055	Health ethics and human rights
EPM5023	International Research Bioethics
IDA4120	Community Development in a Globalising World*

Elective Units (Select Five)

MPH 2053	Public Health in Refugee Settings
EPM 5024	Research Bioethics and Law
EPM 5020	Comparative Moral Theory & Ethics
EPM 5021	Research with Vulnerable Populations
MPH 2050	Health of Women & Children in Developing Countries
MPH 2051	Communicable Disease Control in Developing Countries
MPH 2054	Nutritional Issues in Developing Countries
MPH 2057	Aboriginal Health
MPH 2058	Managing Community-based HIV programs
MPH 2082	Community Health Communications & Training
ENV432E	Environment & Health*

* Department of Geography and Environmental Science

Classes are held at The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne (below)



The Alfred Hospital is Melbourne's leading teaching and research hospital, and is a short trip to the City of Melbourne on public transport.