

Transcript – Public health

Introduction

Population growth, environmental challenges and changing social patterns have significant consequences for the well-being of our communities. Public health professionals are in high demand both in Australia and overseas to reduce the pressure on our health systems and our environment.

Griffith University recognises the importance of providing solutions today and investing in careers for the future.

Jessica Hobbs is a second year health promotion student. We asked Jessica what attracted her to Public health at Griffith and what she thinks about the new degree.

Title: What attracted you to public health and what do you think about the program?

Jessica Hobbs: well, Griffith for starters has excellent lecturers. They have worked in the industry so they know a lot about public health itself. They are also very understanding, and will give you the time that you need and are very interested in getting you out and into the field. The other reason I do really like about it is that you do learn all areas of public health and you do get to choose a major which can be in nutrition, health promotion, work place health and safety or environmental health.

Title: What do you see yourself doing five years from now?

Jessica Hobbs: I would actually like to be working internationally in preventative health. Otherwise if not, working internationally I would like to be working in a big organisation like the Cancer Fund or Diabetes Australia or somewhere like that, working in preventative health or health promotion, that kind of area.

Title: what would you say to anyone thinking about a career in public health?

Jessica Hobbs: I would definitely encourage it. It is definitely by far a growing industry. Prevention rather than cure is the new way of the future. It's an excellent degree, very rewarding with a lot of job opportunities. The salaries for starter, starting out are very decent compared to a lot of other degrees. I also recommend it because you do get to have the opportunity to work internationally as well as locally. You also, if you do stay locally, there are all areas from working in local government to all sorts of community organisations.

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