

**AQF LEVEL** 

## **AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA –**

#### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

# **MASTERS DEGREE (COURSEWORK)**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Masters Degree (Coursework) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.

## **KNOWLEDGE**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have:

- a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in a discipline and/or area of professional practice
- knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to a field of work and or learning

Graduates of the Master of Global Public Health will demonstrate an appropriate depth of integrated knowledge of the practice of public health including:

- priority issues, populations and settings
- · contemporary interventions, systems and models of public health management and practice
- the role and application of research outputs including population level data to the planning of public health policy and practice
- the principles and methods that underpin research within public health planning, implementation and evaluation
- the application of public health knowledge and methods within International contexts and practice.

# **SKILLS**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract

Graduates of the Master of Global Public Health will have the cognitive, technical and communication skills to be able to:

- identify, understand and analyse the challenges associated with the implementation of approaches to align public health policy with evidence-based research methodologies to inform strategic and operational plans for community and public health organisations
- critically evaluate optimal theoretical applications and use of proven methodologies so as to appropriately apply data, information and knowledge to public health problems
- demonstrate information gathering and assessment at a high and complex level
- demonstrate a high proficiency of translating complex knowledge, theories and research
  findings to a variety of audiences such as health professionals, community organisations,
  community so as to inform thinking, decision making and action around public health issues
- demonstrate a detailed understanding of the practice of public health including public health interventions and management that can contribute to best practice and the evidence base of public health practice including application within International settings.



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- communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship

# APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will demonstrate the application of knowledge & skills:

- with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning
- with high level personal autonomy and accountability
- to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship

Graduates of the Master of Global Public Health will be able to:

- apply complex public health concepts and theories including the social determinants of health to critique and address real world health problems and inequities in health
- research and apply appropriate theories, models and tools for critically analysing and interpreting the relevant public health policies, strategies, theories and models applicable to contemporary public health
- critically assess, interpret and develop innovative and culturally appropriate approaches to the solving of public health problems to suit different domestic and international contexts
- understand and harness innovation around planning, implementation and evaluation of public health interventions and management to drive improvements and change in public health thinking and practice
- process and integrate diverse information relating to public health
- reflect on performance feedback to identify and action learning and self-improvement opportunities
- plan and carry out a research project relating to public health
- work effectively as a public health individual, group member or manager with other public health and/or health professionals within accepted professional and ethical standards.

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