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Online Postgraduate Health Programmes



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Essential information



Start dates:
January, May, September



Location:
Online



Duration:
1 year full-time,
2 years part-time



Fees:
£11,520

Why Brunel?

Brunel University of London has a long history of contributing to the advancement of public health in the UK and beyond. Here are some advantages of pursuing your online postgraduate health degree with us:

Global perspectives

We were ranked as the UK's most international university for the 2nd year in a row and 6th globally for international outlook (THE Rankings 2025). Our commitment to research aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals places us in the top 5-10% of universities worldwide (THE Impact Rankings 2024).

Real-world focus

Our curriculum emphasises practical assessments and projects that mirror real-world situations in public health, ensuring you are effectively prepared for your career from day one.

Expert faculty guidance

Learn from faculty members with active research and collaborations in the public health sector, providing you with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of contemporary issues in healthcare.

Tailored learning environment

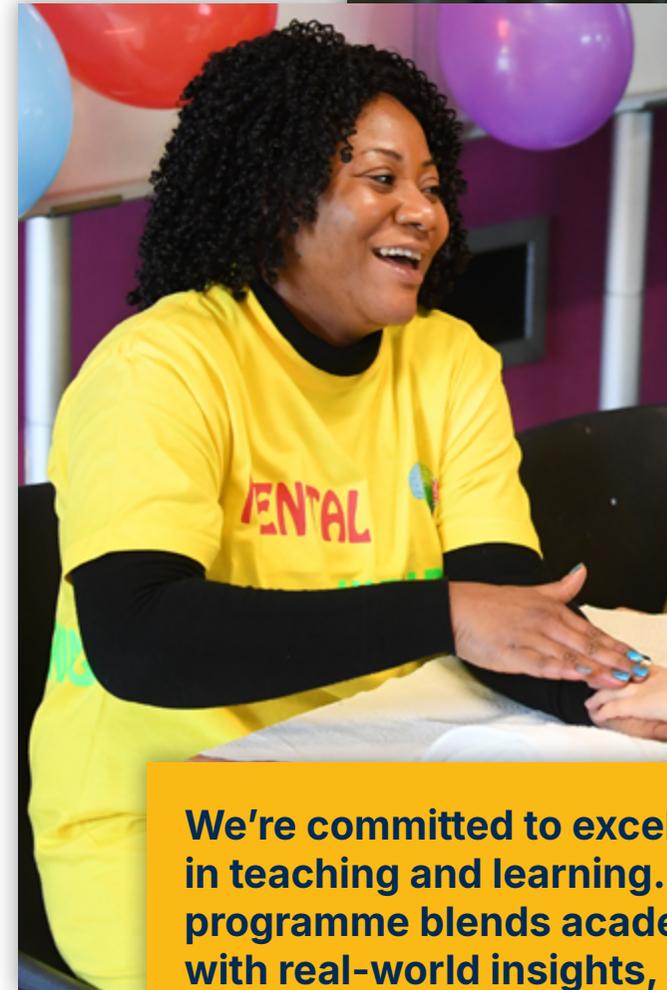
Take advantage of a structured course calendar designed to fit various time zones and personal commitments, fostering a more customised and comfortable educational experience.

Build the skills to make a difference in healthcare

At Brunel University of London, our online postgraduate health programmes are designed for those eager to make a meaningful impact in the rapidly evolving global healthcare sector. Whether you're looking to advance your career or pursue a new path, our four comprehensive master's degrees — Public Health, Global Public Health and Social Justice, Public Health and Behaviour Change, and Public Health and Health Promotion — will equip you with the advanced skills and knowledge needed to address today's most pressing health and social challenges.

Each programme is built to provide you with a robust understanding of key areas such as policy development, sociology, epidemiology, and leadership, while also fostering critical research capabilities.

With the flexibility to study at your own pace, you'll engage with pre-recorded video content and asynchronous activities, allowing you to learn on your schedule from anywhere in the world. You'll also have opportunities to participate in live online seminars, encouraging community engagement and collaborative problem-solving.



We're committed to excellence in teaching and learning. This programme blends academic rigour with real-world insights, empowering you to lead in the healthcare sector — all while studying flexibly from anywhere in the world.



Dr Gill Woolhead

Director of Online Health Programmes

"As you pursue your career goals, our online postgraduate public health programmes are here to support you, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to make a real difference in public health. Let's work together to find solutions to today's most pressing issues in global public health."

Programmes and Modules

Master of Public Health (MPH)	Global Public Health and Social Justice MSc	Public Health and Behaviour Change MSc	Public Health and Health Promotion MSc
Epidemiology	Epidemiology	Epidemiology	Epidemiology
Public Health Leadership	Health Policy, Politics and Social Justice	Behavioural Medicine	Global Public Health
Global Public Health	Global Public Health	Theories of Behaviour Change	Health Promotion
Inequalities in Health	Inequalities in Health	Global Public Health	Health Policy, Politics and Social Justice
Economic Evaluation of Health Interventions	Economic Evaluation of Health Interventions	Inequalities in Health	Inequalities in Health
Behaviour Change and Intervention Design	Social Justice and Health	Behaviour Change and Intervention Design	Economic Evaluation of Health Interventions
Research and Evaluation Methods	Research and Evaluation Methods	Research and Evaluation Methods	Research and Evaluation Methods
Research Design and Practice	Research Design and Practice	Research Design and Practice	Research Design and Practice
Research Project - the Dissertation	Research Project - the Dissertation	Research Project - the Dissertation	Research Project - the Dissertation

Modules

Behaviour Change and Intervention Design

Learn how social and cognitive factors influence health behaviours and apply theory to design and evaluate effective health promotion interventions.

Global Public Health

Explore the big picture of health and well-being worldwide, from historic global initiatives to today's urgent challenges like disease, pollution, and climate change.

Health Policy, Politics and Social Justice

Health policy has always been about more than medicine. This module asks you to explore the political, ethical and social forces that shape health decisions and to consider how justice can transform health outcomes locally and globally.

Behavioural Medicine

Explore how behaviours like smoking, diet, and exercise impact health and learn how to design interventions that encourage healthier choices.

Inequalities in Health

Investigate the avoidable differences in health status between groups, from gaps in life expectancy to unequal access to care and varying disease rates, and discover ways to address these disparities.

Epidemiology

Uncover the patterns behind public health challenges, from COVID-19 to cancer, and gain the analytical tools to track, assess, and act on real-world health data.

Health Promotion

Understand and challenge the forces shaping health while building skills to create and evaluate impactful promotion strategies across diverse communities.

Economic Evaluation of Health Interventions

Do health interventions work—and are they worth it? Explore how to measure outcomes, weigh costs, and guide better decisions in evidence-based healthcare.

Public Health Leadership

This module deepens your understanding of leadership theories in public health, focusing on their application across sectors to improve the overall health of communities.

Social Justice and Health

Using key social justice theories, explore how intersecting factors like race, gender, socioeconomic status, and disability shape health inequalities worldwide, along with the research behind interventions addressing them.

Research and Evaluation Methods

Build expertise in designing, conducting, and analysing both quantitative and qualitative public health research, using primary data, secondary sources, and digital methods to inform evidence-based practice.

Theories of Behaviour Change

Explore key theories from psychology, sociology, and economics to understand how behaviours change, and apply this knowledge to design effective health interventions.

Modules

Research Design and Practice

With research funding under pressure, it's crucial to design studies that truly deliver. Build the skills to create ethical, impactful health research from start to finish.

Research Project - the Dissertation

Take charge of your own research journey, applying theories and methods to explore a health economics or policy question while honing your skills in ethical practice and clear communication.





Life online with Brunel

Without leaving your country or career, you'll access the full benefits of a Brunel online education.



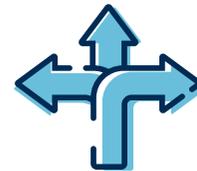
Gain globally competitive skills

Our online degree is crafted by industry experts, building industry-demanded engineering and management skills.



Study anywhere, anytime

Eliminate geographical barriers to obtaining a world-class education. Whether you are travelling or working, you can complete your MSc/MPH entirely online.



Diverse career pathways

Graduates from our programmes are well equipped to pursue a variety of careers in health and social care, local government, education, and the nonprofit sector.



Flexible study options

Balance your academic pursuits with work and family responsibilities. Our online platform allows you to study at your convenience, anytime and from anywhere.



Build a global network

Engage with fellow students, professionals, and academics around the world while studying online, fostering lasting connections and opportunities for collaboration.

Learning outcomes



Understand the scope and nature of contemporary healthcare and overall wellness at local, national, and global levels.



Gain a deep awareness of the major determinants of health and learn how to promote wellness in a way that addresses social and economic inequalities while upholding social justice values.



Acquire knowledge of micro- and macro-economic principles and their applications in healthcare and health policy.



Clearly understand the impact of quality in engineering organisations.



Develop the ability to translate complex evidence and research into practical policy applications, ensuring informed decision-making.



Learn to critically evaluate healthcare and public health-related information from diverse sources to inform decision-making.



Communicate effectively about health economics, health policy, and public health issues in both written and verbal formats, connecting with various stakeholders.



Demonstrate advanced analytical skills through qualitative and quantitative research design, allowing for comprehensive analyses of health economics and health policy issues.





Wherever you're headed, Brunel's online postgraduate health programmes are designed to equip you with the practical skills and specialist knowledge to thrive in the public health sector.

With relevant academic knowledge and practical experience, our graduates make meaningful moves in the industry. These public health degrees are especially valuable for professionals working in health and social care, local government, education, and the voluntary sector worldwide.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

- A UK Bachelor's degree (minimum 2:2) or an international equivalent in public health, health promotion, or related subject

Relevant subjects include the following:

Health, health studies, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social sciences, human sciences, sociology/psychology, biology, nutrition, pharmacy, social work, environmental health, sports degrees, social policy, health education, biosciences, allied health, nursing, midwifery, medical sciences, sport sciences, environmental sciences, social justice and health, leadership and change for global health, behavioural medicine, public health leadership

If your existing qualifications do not meet the criteria above, we invite applications if you hold any of the requirements below, which will be assessed on a case by case basis:

- A UK Bachelor's degree (minimum 2:2) or international equivalent in a subject not listed above
- A non-degree qualification (e.g. a diploma) and 5 years' relevant work experience
- A UK bachelor's degree below 2.2, or an international equivalent, and two 2 years' relevant work experience

Non-native speakers of English need one of the following:

- IELTS: 6.5 (min 6 in all areas)
- Pearson: 59 (59 in all sub scores)
- BrunELT: 63% (min 58% in all areas)
- TOEFL: 90 (min 20 in all)

Application documents:

1. A completed application form
2. Passport copy
3. Personal statement
4. Scanned copies of your education certificates and transcripts
5. Your CV/Resume in English
6. Proof of English proficiency



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- Make reasonable variations to the course (including, without limitation, the content and syllabus of the course, including changes to individual modules.
- Discontinue the course or combine the course with another course, especially if it has insufficient numbers of students to be viable, if the University considers this reasonably necessary. If the University discontinues the course, it will use reasonable endeavours to provide you with a suitable alternative.

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