The Master of Culture, Health and Medicine is the only program of its kind in Australia. Drawing on anthropological and other social science perspectives, and technical expertise in health-related research and practice, you will understand the nature of health, sickness, and healing in a local and global context. You will emerge with the skills to undertake social and cultural analysis of health policy and practices, and to effect change in a health setting.

Career opportunities
MCHAM is appropriate for students who are already in the medical and health professions and would like additional training in medical anthropology to advance their careers. MCHAM is also for students with some experience in anthropology who would like to enter the medical and health professions, public health sector, or work with organisations focused on health-related policy, education and development, global health, and disease prevention.

The degree also prepares students for a PhD program in medical anthropology and interdisciplinary health studies.

Professional outcomes
On completion of the program, MCHAM graduates will be well-equipped to work on a wide range of health-related issues in diverse Australian and international contexts. Graduates work in areas including Ministries of Health, educational institutions, health services, and international organisations active in the health and development fields. Others have commenced studies for a PhD in a wide range of disciplines.
MCHAM graduates have the skills and confidence to critically analyse and develop policy, teach in the health education sector, conduct research, and to design and implement interventions in public health and medicine.

Admission requirements

- A three year Bachelor degree or international with a GPA of at least 5/7 for the Master of Culture, Health and Medicine
- A cognate Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 6/7 and the approval of an identified supervisor for the thesis for the Master of Culture, Health and Medicine (Advanced)
- International applicants must meet the University’s English Admission Requirements for Students
- Applicants with a Bachelor Degree or Graduate Certificate in a cognate discipline may be eligible for 24 units (1 semester) of credit
- Applicants with a Graduate Diploma or Honours in a cognate discipline may be eligible for 48 units (1 year) of credit.

Cognate disciplines

Anthropology, Archaeology, Area Studies, Biological Sciences, Education, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, International Relations, Law, Language and Literature, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Philosophy, Physiotherapy, Politics, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology.

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