

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH

## Overview

### NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health is delivered full-time over 10 months. The programme allows students to specialise in a specific public health pathway.

The Postgraduate Diploma has three pathways as follows:

**Pathway 1:** Health Promotion

**Pathway 2:** Health Protection

**Pathway 3:** Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Students take core modules to the value of **35** credits and modules to the value of **25** credits from their chosen pathway. Pathway preferences will need to be chosen in consultation with the Programme Director.

### Exit award: Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (NFQ Level 9, Minor award)

Upon successful completion and passing of core modules to the value of 30 credits (to include EH6025, EH6026, EH6027 and EH6157), students may opt to exit the programme and be conferred with a Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcph/>). A student who subsequently applies to continue to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health or Master of Public Health (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mph/>) must do so within five years from the date of successful completion of the Certificate Examinations.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

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Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**35** credits) and **25** credits of elective modules in the chosen pathway:

### Core Modules - All Pathways

Code	Title	Credits
EH6025	Principles and Practice of Public Health	10
EH6026	Applied Research for Public Health	10
EH6027	Public Health Informatics	5
EH6028	Leadership in Public Health	5
EH6157	Qualitative Research in Public Health <sup>1</sup>	5

### Elective Modules

Students select one of the following Pathways: 25

#### Pathway 1: Health Promotion

Students take modules to the value of **25** credits from the following:

EH6029	Health Promotion: Concepts, Principles and Practices (10)
EH6039	Public Health and Behavioural Change (5)
EH6044	Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (5)
EH6046	Global and Environmental Health (5)

#### Pathway 2: Health Protection

Students take modules to the value of **25** credits from the following:

EH6019	The Principles and Practice of Multi-disciplinary Health Protection (10)
EH6044	Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (5)
EH6046	Global and Environmental Health (5)
MB6009	Principles of Microbiology (Online) (5)
<i>Pathway 3: Epidemiology and Biostatistics</i>	
Students take modules to the value of <b>25</b> credits from the following:	
EH6031	Advanced Epidemiology (10)
EH6044	Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (5)
ST6011	Advanced Biostatistics (5)
ST6012	Survival Analysis (5)
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Online module

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

### Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (NFQ Level 9, Major award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Critically analyse theories and issues related to public health;
- Construct arguments around the social, political and economic factors determining the health of populations;
- Demonstrate competence in the key underpinning disciplines and theories of public health including epidemiology, communicable diseases including health care associated infections, biostatistics, social and behavioural sciences and social policy;
- Analyse and synthesise evidence and apply it to public health;
- Demonstrate enhanced knowledge in the chosen specialist pathway (health promotion, health protection, epidemiology and biostatistics).