

# PHD (STRUCTURED POPULATION AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH EDUCATION) SPHERE

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for PhD (Structured Population and Health Services Research Education) (NFQ Level 10, Major Award)**

The overarching requirement for undertaking a PhD is to complete a substantial programme of independent original research of publishable quality submitted as a thesis.

In addition, on successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an ability to articulate and critically appraise the main features of health care systems in developed countries, the challenges facing these systems and research on the relationship between health care and population health;
- Acquire specialist knowledge and expertise on the design of health services research;
- Demonstrate an ability to independently find, evaluate and synthesise previously published health services research;
- Demonstrate an ability to independently conduct specialist research on the effectiveness of health services and/or health systems;
- Demonstrate an ability to independently translate health services and health systems research into policy and practice.