



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MALAYSIA

PUBLIC HEALTH

(MSc)

SCHOOL OF
POSTGRADUATE
STUDIES

2019



What Is IMU's Public Health Programme About?

Overview

Public Health is the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health. Public health is not only concerned with maintenance of health by reducing or eliminating disease risks and environmental health hazards, improving social conditions, and encouraging healthy behaviours and lifestyles, it also encompasses the distribution and optimal management of healthcare services.

Professionals in public health today are faced with both old and new challenges. They range from infectious diseases such as influenza and the HIV / AIDS pandemic, chronic disease epidemics, cancer and obesity. The challenges also include the health of our increasingly elderly populations, high-risk behaviors that endanger our health such as smoking and substance abuse, the safety of our water and our food, as well as the threats of natural and manmade disaster including bioterrorism.

IMU's Public Health programme will provide students from a wide range of health and related professional backgrounds with the knowledge and skills in public health sciences which will make them effective contributors in their field of healthcare. It is based on the World Health Organisation's principles of *Health for All*, benefiting those in the equity, intersectoral collaboration, health promotion and disease prevention, international cooperation and community participation. The MSc Public Health programme is suitable for those who want to advance in their careers in fields related to Public Health. Candidates include medical doctors, nurses, health officers, environmental service managers, hospital administrators, nutritionists, health education officers, environmental & health engineers, and pharmacists.

DEGREE / DURATION

MSc in Public Health —
1½ years (full-time),
3 years (part-time)

COMMENCEMENT

March and September

MODE OF DELIVERY

Conventional
Open Distance Learning (ODL)

A Word from the Programme Director

“The IMU MSc in Public Health prepares one to face both old and new challenges – from infectious and chronic diseases to health risks posed by the modern society’s lifestyle – through multidisciplinary approaches that apply the latest scientific knowledge, common sense and team work to solve important health problems.”

DR LWIN MIE AYE — Lecturer and Programme Director
MBBS (UM1,Ygn), MSc PH (IMU)

How Does the Programme Work?

Public Health Programme Structure

The programme consists of 2 semesters of theory followed by a third semester of dissertation writing and electives.

Semesters 1 and 2 each comprises 24 weeks of active learning and 2 weeks of assessment. Semester 3 is scheduled for carrying out a research project and preparation of a dissertation. The ODL program consists of 80% online teaching and learning sessions and 20% of on campus requirement.

The program is divided into 12 modules as follows:

SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER
1	2	3
Methods in Epidemiology Biostatistics Research Methodology Environmental Health Occupational Health	Population Health Health Management & Economics Health Promotion Medical Sociology Public Health Practice	Dissertation Electives (2)

The curriculum is reviewed periodically and is subject to change.

The programme is taught in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Kuala Lumpur City Council, non-governmental organisations and other public health-related institutions.

Teaching and learning methods vary in line with the objectives of the course and include didactic lectures, guided and independent group exercises, practicals, seminars, workshops and problem-based self-directed learning. Field visits with hands-on experience in observing the public health challenges that are currently faced by the community are an integral part of the course. E-learning approaches are used extensively and include web-based courses, online simulation and virtual mentoring.

Assessment

Assignments and assessments for both full-time and ODL students. Assessment is through practical, reports, essays, problem-based learning, project work, dissertation and written examination.

For the award of the degree of MSc in Public Health, students must successfully complete all 12 modules.

Entry Requirements

A Bachelor Degree in related discipline with a minimum cGPA of 2.75 or equivalent, as accepted by the University's Senate; or

A Bachelor Degree in related discipline not meeting cGPA of 2.50, can be accepted subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience in relevant field.

English Language Requirements

For International Students

- 1) IELTS : Band score 5.0; or
- 2) TOEFL (PBT) : Overall score of 410-413; or
- 3) TOEFL (iBT) : Overall score of 34; or
- 4) Cambridge English : Advanced (CAE) : Overall score of 160; or
- 5) Cambridge English : Proficiency (CPE) : Overall score of 180; or
- 6) Pearson Test of English (PTE) : Overall score of 36



Top: Researchers undertake public health research in IMU's well-equipped laboratories.

Above: Conducting screening and research within Malaysian communities to contribute towards improving the health of the population is a vital part of IMU's Public Health programme.

Left: Outbreak investigations, an important and challenging component of epidemiology and public health, are conducted in the University's laboratories. Such investigations can help identify the source of ongoing outbreaks and prevent additional cases.



Why Study Public Health at IMU?

1

An Established Private Healthcare University

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 27 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU achieved the SETARA-2017 Tier 6 status (Outstanding) under the Mature University category.

2

Renowned and Highly Experience Faculty

Students will be supervised by staff who are experts in their field with well-established reputations nationally and internationally. The academic community of IMU pursues and achieves excellence in a wide range of research activities. Many of them present their findings in international conferences to keep up to date with the latest development in specialised areas. They also publish their findings in international peer-reviewed journals.

3

Recognised by JPA

The IMU MSc in Public Health is recognised by the Malaysian Public Service Department (JPA) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). With this recognition, healthcare professionals who are working in the public sector especially MOH who want to advance in their careers in a related field can choose to study the IMU MSc in Public Health programme. Our graduates of this Masters degree can also apply to work in the public sector.

4

Unique Curriculum

This programme has a research component in its curriculum in which the student is required to complete a research project. There will also be field visits to the Ministry of Health, the Local Council and Non-Governmental Organisations as part of the experiential learning component of the programme. E-learning approaches are also used extensively including web-based e-learning in the programme.

5

Research Partnerships

Students will benefit from the University's research collaborations with various local and foreign institutions in areas such as cancer, bioactive molecules, nutrition and environmental health. Close links have also been established with local hospitals, especially Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar in clinical research.

How Much Does It Cost?

Public Health Programme Fees

All fees quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia unless stated otherwise.

All IMU alumni who are self-funding their postgraduate studies and meet the eligibility criteria will be eligible for a 25% bursary.

FEES OVERVIEW

Fee	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	150	500
Registration Fee	1,100	3,400
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
Student Association Fee per Semester	40	40
Tuition Fee	44,000	58,300

- Application fee is payable upon submission of application.
- Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office.

Fee	Total (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Fees (Conventional Mode)	44,000	58,300
Fees (ODL)	35,200	35,200

Students for the 2019 intakes are eligible for a RM5,000 bursary.

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Programmes at IMU

Pre-University

Foundation in Science
KPT/JPT(R/010/3/0186)09/2023

Undergraduate

Medicine
KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0033)09/2026

Psychology
KPT/JPT(R2/311/6/0013)09/2022

Dentistry
KPT/JPT(R2/724/6/0010)01/2023

Pharmacy
KPT/JPT(R2/727/6/0050)09/2026

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
KPT/JPT(R2/442/6/0003)01/2023

Dietetics with Nutrition
KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2022

Nutrition
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0011)06/2022

Biomedical Science
KPT/JPT(R2/421/6/0011)09/2022

Medical Biotechnology
KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2022

Chiropractic
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026

Chinese Medicine
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0059)01/2020

Nursing
KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0125)04/2020

Nursing Science
(for registered nurses)
KPT/JPT(R2/723/6/0101)01/2024

Postgraduate

Acupuncture (MSc)
KPT/JPT(N/721/7/0071)03/2022

Analytical & Pharmaceutical
Chemistry (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2022

Business Administration in
Healthcare Management
(Postgraduate Certificate/Master)
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)9/2023
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)10/2023

Diabetes Management & Education
(Postgraduate Diploma)
KPT/JPT(N/726/7/0030)02/2023

Health Professions Education (HPE)
(Postgraduate Certificate/
Postgraduate Diploma/Master)
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)09/2020
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)09/2020
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)09/2020

Implant Dentistry (Postgraduate Diploma)
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0019)06/2021

Molecular Medicine (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)07/2022

Pharmacy Practice (Master)
KPT/JPT(N/727/7/0051)03/2019

Public Health (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)09/2020

Medical & Health Sciences
(MSc & PhD by Research)
KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)01/2020
KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026



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