

**Postgraduate Programme Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Public Health**  
**Heinrich-Heine-University, Duesseldorf**  
**(accredited by AQAS)**

The Postgraduate Training Programme “Master of Science” (M.Sc.) in Public Health aims at qualifying experts in the health sector to identify and analyse important health needs at the level of population groups, and to develop and implement practical solutions towards improving population health.

This programme continues and advances a curriculum of Public Health established in 1991 which has been successfully completed by more than 200 students.

The training programme can be completed alongside a full-time job.

### **Degree**

- The programme provides scientific and practical skills in core fields of public health. At completion, students will be given the degree “Master of Science” (M.Sc.) in Public Health by the University of Düsseldorf.
- An additional qualification “European Master of Public Health” (EMPH) can be obtained.

### **Entry Requirements**

- Students must have a university degree or a state examination or a master or bachelor degree in one of the following disciplines: medicine, dental health, basic sciences with documented links to medicine, economic, social, behavioural or life sciences with documented expertise in at least one core area of public health.
- Students must have at least one year of professional work experience in the health sector; alternatively they have to demonstrate qualified scientific activity in the field of medicine or public health.
- Students must have fluent command of German (DSH1-Examination, TestDaF) and English.

### **Start of the training programme**

The programme starts every year in the winter semester.

### **Deadline for application**

Applications for the academic year 2009/2010 must be sent by **June 15, 2009**.

## **Workload, progression through the programme**

According to international regulation, a workload of 1800 hours (60 ECTS credits) is required. Single courses of 2 to 6 days are offered, in part on working days and on weekends. In addition, structured home work is required. The full programme can be completed within 2 years. If necessary, students can extend this for an additional 2 years, for a total of 4 years. The programme must be completed within 4 years.

## **Structure of the curriculum**

The programme contains an introductory, an in-depth and a specialization phase. Students can specialize either in “epidemiology and prevention” or in “health management and financing”.

Courses are combined into 10 modules that end with an examination. In the specialization phase, students also work on their master’s thesis. Course language is mainly German, with an increasing number of courses thought in English.

## **Cooperation**

Parts of the programme are offered together with the programme “Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Epidemiology” offered at the Heinrich-Heine-University in cooperation with the Universities of Mainz and Bielefeld. In addition, some courses are offered jointly with the Programme of Public Health Doctors in cooperation with the Academy of Public Health, Duesseldorf.

## **External scientific advisory board**

### **Epidemiology and Prevention**

- Professor Sir Michael Marmot, MD, PhD, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London, United Kingdom

### **Epidemiology and Health Services Research**

- Professor Johan Mackenbach, MD, PhD, Department of Public Health, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands

### **Health Management and Administration**

- Professor Bernhard J. Güntert, Dr. oec., MHA, Institute for Health Economics and Management, Private University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology (UMIT), Innsbruck, Austria

## **Postgraduate courses for doctors**

As far as capacity is available, single courses are open to external participants who can acquire credits for their continued education, in accordance with the Medical and the Regional Dental Associations of Nordrhein, Düsseldorf.

## **Fees**

During their training students have free access to public services of the Heinrich-Heine-University. The total costs of the training programme amount 8000,- Euro, to be paid by registered course.

## **Further Information and Application**

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