

1. Overview

Academic Year (student cohorts covered by specification)	2018/19			
Programme Title	Doctor of Public Health			
Programme Director	Nicki Thorogood			
Awarding Body	University of London			
Teaching Institution	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine			
Faculty	Element 1 is based in the Faculty of Public Health & Policy. DrPH students may be based in any faculty			
Length of Programme (years)	DrPH Full-time: min 3 years, max 4 years (elements 1, 2 & 3) DrPH Part-time: min 4 years, max 8 years (elements 1, 2 & 3) PGCert: 3 months			
Entry Routes	PGCert / DrPH			
Exit Routes	DrPH or PGCert: each student will retain only the highest level award achieved.			
Award Titles	DrPH PGCert in Public Health Policy, Leadership and Management (60 credits)			
Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body	N/A			
Relevant PGT QAA Benchmark Statement and/or other external/internal reference points	N/A			
Level of programme within the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)	Level 8 (Doctoral degree) Level 7 (postgraduate Masters 'M' level) of the QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales & Northern Ireland (FHEQ).			
Total Credits (PGCert)	CATS:	60	ECTS:	30
Mode of Delivery	Face to face			
Mode and Period of Study	Full-time Registration: minimum 3 years, maximum 4 years Part-time Registration: minimum 4 years, maximum 8 years			
Cohort Entry Points	Annually in September			
Language of Study	English			

Re-sit Policy	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Resits_Policy_Policy_Procedure.pdf
Extenuating Circumstances Policy	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/edu/taughtcourses/exams_assmt_staff/extenuating_circumstances_policy.pdf
Programme Description	<p>The DrPH is a doctoral level qualification intended for leaders and future leaders in public health.</p> <p>Element 1, the Taught Course component, consists of two compulsory F2F modules. Assessment of each is based on graded written assignments.</p> <p>Elements 2 and 3, Research Studies I and II, are undertaken subsequent to successful completion of Element 1. These are assessed at viva. Both have interim formative assessment points. For RSI, the OPA report is internally assessed and feedback provided on initial and revised drafts. RSII has a formal Review at which the thesis research proposal must be approved before any fieldwork/data collection commences.</p>
Date of Introduction of Programme (month/year)	September 1996
Date of production / revision of this programme specification (month/year)	March 2018

2. Programme Aims & Learning Outcomes

Educational aims of the programme
<p>The programme aims are to equip graduates with the knowledge and experience to deal with the particular challenges of understanding and using scientific knowledge in order to achieve public health gains, as well as the analytical and practical skills required by managers and leaders in public health. The rigour and volume of the total programme of work is at doctoral level, and appropriate to the personal development of public health professionals.</p>

Programme Learning Outcomes
<p>DrPH</p> <p>The award of DrPH (Level 8): is based on evidence of the student's demonstration of facility in four distinct areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge in Public Health Policy, Leadership and Management; 2. The ability to conceptualise, design and implement projects for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen problems; 3. A detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry; and

4. The creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship.

PGCert

The award of PGCert in Public Health Policy, Leadership and Management (Level 7): is based on evidence of the student's demonstration of facility in:

1. The systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge in Public Health Policy, Leadership and Management;

3. Programme Structure and features, modules, credit assignment and award requirements:

Full-time DrPH	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Total Credits
Compulsory Modules	2	0	0	60
Recommended Modules	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0

Any optional (i.e. recommended non-compulsory) modules listed are indicative and may change from year to year for reasons including staff availability, student demand, and enhancements to programmes as part of ongoing review. <https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/courses/changes-courses>

Term	Module Code	Module Title	Module Type (compulsory or recommended)	Credits (CATS)	Contact hours
1	5002	Evidence Based Public Health Policy & Practice	Compulsory	30	100
	5001	Understanding Leadership, Management & Organisation	Compulsory	30	
2	5003	Public Health Research Study I (RSI): Organisation and/or Policy Analysis	N/A	N/A	Supervision in line with research degree expectations
3	N/A	Public Health Research Study II (RSII). (individually agreed study)	N/A	N/A	
4	N/A	Individually negotiated researcher development/ training activities and complementary studies	N/A	N/A	

4: Entry Requirements

Criteria for admission

Applicants for DrPH study should have at least one of the following:

- an upper second-class Honours degree of a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, in a subject appropriate to that of the course of study to be followed; or
- a registrable qualification appropriate to the course of study to be followed, in medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies; or
- a Masters degree in a subject appropriate to the course of study to be followed; or
- a professional qualification obtained by written examination and approved by the University of London as an appropriate entrance qualification for the degree in question.

In addition, DrPH candidates require a minimum of two years' appropriate experience.

English language entry requirements

Band B – It is essential to have an excellent command of the English language to benefit from studying for the programme. All students will be required to obtain an acceptable score in an approved English language test if their first language is not English or if their studies at university have not been conducted wholly in the medium of English. Any English language tests must have been taken no more than two years before the date a student commences the programme. LSHTM may also request that an applicant take a test even if the above conditions have been met. For up to date information on language requirements, please see:

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english-language-requirements.pdf>