



## 1. Overview

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

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| <b>Re-sit Policy</b>  | <a href="https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Resits_Policy_Procedure.pdf">https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Resits_Policy_Procedure.pdf</a>   |
| <b>Extenuating Circumstances Policy</b>   | <a href="https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/edu/taughtcourses/exams_assmt_staf/f/extenuating_circumstances_policy.pdf">https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/edu/taughtcourses/exams_assmt_staf/f/extenuating_circumstances_policy.pdf</a>   |
| <b>Programme Description</b>  | <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> |
| <b>Date of Introduction of Programme (month/year)</b>                             | September 1996  |
| <b>Date of production / revision of this programme specification (month/year)</b> | March 2018  |

## 2. Programme Aims & Learning Outcomes

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| <b>Educational aims of the programme</b>  |
| <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> |

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| <b>Programme Learning Outcomes</b>   |
| <p><b>DrPH</b></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"> <li>1. The systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge in Public Health Policy, Leadership and Management;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>3. A detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry; and</li> </ol> |

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             | 100   |
| 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            | Varies with individual selection                      |

## 4: Entry Requirements

| Criteria for admission   |
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| <p>Applicants for DrPH study should have at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• a registrable qualification appropriate to the course of study to be followed, in medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies; or</li><li>• a Masters degree in a subject appropriate to the course of study to be followed; or</li><li>• a professional qualification obtained by written examination and approved by the University of London as an appropriate entrance qualification for the degree in question.</li></ul> <p>In addition, DrPH candidates require a minimum of two years' appropriate experience.</p> |
| English language entry requirements  |
| <p>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:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english-language-requirements.pdf">https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english-language-requirements.pdf</a></p>   |