

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Graduate Certificate (O23/F53)
Postgraduate Diploma (O33/D63)



Beerbee MUNGNARI, *Warmun* (detail) 1995, natural pigment and ochre on canvas, The Edith Cowan University Art Collection

Increase your knowledge and skills in Indigenous health

These courses in Indigenous health offered by ECU's Kurongkurl Katitjin address the need for people working in the health care system to increase their knowledge, skills and understanding of the special circumstances and health needs of Indigenous peoples.

Importantly, both courses are offered by distance education, meaning that you can study at home (wherever you live) and do not have to travel to and from classes. Distance education lets you undertake your studies at a time of the day that suits you best, making it much easier to combine work with study.

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The Graduate Certificate course provides students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, with a thorough understanding of the historical, social and cultural factors contributing to the poor health status of Australia's Indigenous peoples, an awareness of the sources of data and ways of assessing Indigenous health, and knowledge of current health status.

Students wishing to study aspects of Indigenous health in greater depth can proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health or to the Master of Public Health (offered by ECU's Centre for Public Health).

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH Q23/F53

Admission Requirement

Relevant undergraduate degree or Equivalent work experience.
(Attach résumé to application form.)

Mode of Study

Part-time external study

Course Structure

- IAS5100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander health context and policy (20 credit points)
- IAS5102 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status (20 credit points)
- IAS5103 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health project (20 credit points) *OR*

Elective approved by course coordinator (20 credit points)
Limited Commonwealth Supported Places Available.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH Q33/D63

Admission Requirement

Relevant undergraduate degree or Equivalent work experience.
(Attach résumé to application form.)

Mode of Study

Part-time external study

Course Structure

- HST5120 Epidemiology (20 credit points)
- IAS5100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander health context and policy (20 credit points)
- IAS5102 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status (20 credit points)
- HST5161 Public health: philosophy, principles and practice (20 credit points) *AND*
- IAS5103 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health project (20 credit points) *OR*

Elective approved by course coordinator (20 credit points) *PLUS*
Elective approved by course coordinator or research unit if proceeding to Master of Public Health by research (20 credit points)
Limited Commonwealth Supported Places Available.

Further Study

Master of Public Health

Unit Descriptions

IAS5100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: Context and Policy

This unit examines current approaches to Australian Indigenous health within a historical, social and cultural context, which includes attention to traditional medical systems, and the impact of the colonisation and past government policies and practices.

After reviewing the broad range of factors contributing to indigenous health status, the unit traces the development of mainstream and indigenous community-controlled health services, and reviews current policies, strategies and programs. Australian indigenous health issues are also related to indigenous health internationally.

IAS5102 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Status

This unit provides a detailed overview of the current health status of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The various sources of information necessary for the assessment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status are examined, including attention to the limitations of these sources.

The unit introduces students to the epidemiological concepts and techniques necessary for the monitoring, surveillance and research of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status.

IAS5103: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Project

This unit permits students to undertake a specific project or other study within the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The nature and outcomes of the project or study will be determined jointly by the student and unit coordinator.

HST5120: Epidemiology

See ECU handbook for course description

HST5161: Public Health: philosophy, principals and practice

See ECU handbook for course description

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